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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship PATNA, 1,780 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander G. Reyes, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 5th October 1872, at 4 P.M.

Leave BOMBAY	Oct. 5	Leave Colombo	Oct. 14
,, Carwar	7	,, Galle	15
,, Mangalore	8	,, Negapatam	18
,, Cannanore	9	,, Pondicherry	19
,, Tellicherry	9	,, Madras	21
,, Calicut	10	,, Coconada	23
,, Beypore	10	,, Vizagapatam	24
,, Co chin	11	,, Kidderpore	26
,, Alleppy	12	,, Gopaulpore	27
,, Tuticorin	13	,, False Point	28
		Arrive CALCUTTA	29

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Nerbudda district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut or Beypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta may take the same route, proceeding up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No Ca. 20 will be received on the day of sailing.

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The Steam-ship CASHMERE, 1,028 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander Jones, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 11th October, 1872, at noon.

	Oct. 1872.		Oct. 1872.
Leave BOMBAY	11	Leave BUSHEHR	30
,, Kurrachee	14	Arrive Fao	30
,, Gwadur	15		Nov.
,, Muscat	18	,, Bushire	1
,, Bunder Abbas	20	,, Linga	6
,, Linga	21	,, Bunder Abbas	8
,, Bahrein	24	,, Muscat	10
,, Bushire	24	,, Gwadur	12
,, Fao	26	,, Kurrachee	15
,, BUSHEHR	27	,, BOMBAY	18

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY, commencing from the 27th September 1872.

The Steam-ship PUNJAUB, 1,030 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander R. Barnard, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 4th October 1872, at noon.

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J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street, Bombay, 25th September 1872.

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Touching at Veraval, Porebunder, Dwarka and Cutch Mandvie.

THE well-known S.S. PEARL, W. Morrison, Commander, will sail for the above Ports on THURSDAY next, the 3rd October, at 10 A.M., positively.

For Freight or Passage apply to the Undersigned, No. 14, Meadow Street.

DADABHOY JAMSETJEE, Agent.

STEAM TO SURAT.

THE well-known S.S. TAPTEE, C. D. McCrea, Commander, will sail for Surat on THURSDAY next, the 3rd October, at 10 A.M., positively.

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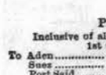

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The regular Steamers leave

GENOA	and	BOMBAY
on the 24th,		on the 1st
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PASSENGER RATES.

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	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
To Aden	£22	£15	£4	
Suez	35	22	8	
Port Said	38	24	9	
Alexandria	39	25	9-10	
Messina	50	34	14	Including Wines.
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles (transhipment at Genoa)	52	36	14-10	Without Food.

Children under 3 years, free of charge.

Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Next Steamers from Bombay :—

PERSIA, on FRIDAY, 1st November 1872.

INDIA, on SUNDAY, 1st December 1872.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to VOLKART BROTHERS,

Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 30th September 1871.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS AND TRAVELLERS

Should provide themselves with the following useful requisites from the

ESTABLISHMENT OF

ASQUITH AND COMPANY.

Deck Suits	Rs. 17 0
Overland Suits	,, 27 0
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Dressing Gowns	,, 10 0 to 23 0
Pyjamas	half doz. 16 8 to 18 8
Oxford Shirts	half doz. 36 0
White do.	,, 22 8 to 28 0
Printed Cambric	,, 22 8 to 28 0
Best Flannel	,, 49 0
Silk and Wool Shrunk	,, 52 0
Under Vests, Warm	,, 19 0 to 30 4
Merino Pants	,, 30 0
Cotton Socks, Warm	per doz. 9 8 to 16 8
Best Merino	,, ,, 15 8 to 19 0
Bathing Drawers	per pair 2 0
Knitted Cardigan Jackets	each 3 8
Warm Gloves	per pair 2 4
,, Mitts	,, 1 8
,, Mufflers	,, 2 0
Scarves and Ties	each 1 12 to 3 0
Cambric Handkerchiefs	per doz. 5 0 to 18 0
Travelling Caps and Hats, &c.	3 8 to 7 0
Railway Portmanteaus	23 0 to 28 0
Overland Trunks	52 0 to 68 0
Solid Leather Rivetted	4 12 to 5 12
Soiled Linen Bags	6 12 to 9 0
Cash and Courier Bags	9 8 to 13 8
Overland Chairs (Best Birch)	1 12 to 2 0
Travelling Pillows	,, 1 8
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Rugs, Best Witney	each 12 8 to 17 8
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ASQUITH & COMPANY,

22, APOLLO STREET, BOMBAY.

NOTICE.—Consignees per Ship GERALDINE PAGET, arrived from Calcutta, are requested to despatch BOATS to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS; otherwise the same will be landed by the Captain, without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 1st October 1872.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Monday, the 7th October, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. AUSTRALIA, (3,648 tons, and 600 H.P.), Capt. J. S. Murray, will LEAVE for SUEZ as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Venice, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Trieste, Venice, Odessa, Constantinople, Ancona, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool, London and New York.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or Canal, in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M. in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Tuesday, the 8th October, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. HINDOSTAN, (3,113 tons and 600 H.P.), Captain N. Rosskell, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before noon, on Saturday, the 5th October.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per s.s. LEITH, arrived from Liverpool, are requested to SEND their BILLS of LADING and DELIVERY ORDERS for our inspection and countersignature, and to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS from the Bunders.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents s.s. Leith.

Bombay, 1st October 1872.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, the 3rd instant, Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will hold their usual Weekly Auction Sale, at their Rooms, a quantity of Grey and Coloured Piece Goods, Twist, &c., &c.

20 Bales Grey Shirtings, 5-8/ lbs.

A quantity of Household Furniture of a Gentleman proceeding to England.

Also, at 1 P.M., in the Apollo Bonded Warehouse, on account and at the risk of Framjee Nusserwanjee & Co.,

50 Boxes Hennessey Brandy, ex Esperanza, &c.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 3rd October 1872.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON AND COMPANY.

No. 28, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF PIECE GOODS, &c.

On SATURDAY, the 5th day of October 1872, at 3 P.M., Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, No. 28, Apollo Street, a quantity of Grey Bleached and Coloured Piece Goods, consisting of grey shirting, longcloth, pighpads, fancy check, &c.

Also, on the same day and place, at 1 P.M., will sell by order of the Mortgagees and on account and risk of Gunshamdass Raghoonathdass, Jewel Broker, Mortgagor, the following :

1 Diamond Necklace.

AUCTION SALE of richly carved open-worked Household Furniture, Plated, rich cut glass and handsome Foreclainware, Table Ornaments, Piano by Collard and Collard in good condition, Carriage, Horses, and sets of Harness, at Nepean Lodge, Malabar Hill.

On WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of October 1872, at 12 o'clock (noon), Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the above place, the whole of that valuable Household Furniture, &c., being the property of Mr. James Douglas, proceeding to Europe.

Further particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view, 4 days prior to the sale.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable handsome ornamental lacquered gilt Plated and Bronze Gas, Oil, and Candle Chandeliers, Argand Lamps, &c., suitable for furnishing Bungalows, Halls, and Paddies during the ensuing Dewalies.

On TUESDAY, the 15th day of October 1872, at about 1 P.M., Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at No. 28, Apollo Street (2nd Floor) No. 28, Apollo Street, a small stock of very valuable and handsome ornamental lacquered gilt and plated chandliers and argand lamps, consisting of 3, 5, 6, and 12 light gas, candle, and oil chandelier complete, with drops and pulleys, argand lamp with rich cut moons, globes, wall shades and burners, bronze hanging chandelier with balls and pulleys complete.

The property is now on view.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 3rd October 1872.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY.

3, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

SALE OF SUPERIOR FIRST-CLASS MOULMEIN TEAK SQUARES.

On SATURDAY next, the 5th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the Frere and Tank Bunders :—

About 200 Tons superior first-class Moulmein Teak Squares.

About 60 ditto ditto Scantlings, in small convenient lots, to suit the requirements of purchasers.

VALUABLE LAND AND PREMISES KNOWN AS THE KHIMCHUND MOTICHUND COTTON PRESSES.

On WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of October 1872, at 3 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will submit to Public Auction, on the Premises, if not previously sold privately, all that valuable property, belonging to the Colaba Press Company, known as the Khimchund Motichund Cotton Presses, and more particularly described as follows :—All that piece or parcel of ground in Chinch Bunder Street, without the Fort of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1,560 square yards or thereabouts, with the buildings standing thereon, and the free use of the passage on the south side thereof, which said premises are bounded on the north by the property now or lately belonging to Petamber Wulloo Bhatia and Natha Tajah Khoja, on or towards the south by a passage, on or towards the east by Dorabjee Cooley Street, and on or towards the west by the Bardan Galley.

The foregoing property is naturally subdivisible so as to make 2 separate lots, and the Vendors will have no objection to so divide and sell the same if suitable inducement is offered.

Therefore the whole property will first be put to sale, and if a reasonable price shall not be obtained for the whole, the sale will then be concluded; otherwise the premises will be put up to sale immediately after in two lots, each lot being divided by a passage suitable for a road for both.

All further particulars and explanations will be given, and a plan of the premises exhibiting the sub-divisions of the property shown by the Undersigned on application.

ALSO,

The materials of (6) six condemned iron cotton presses now erected on the said premises, which must be removed by and at the expense of the purchaser thereof.

N. B.—The presses will be sold first and the property afterwards.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 3rd October 1872.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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CUTLER, PALMER, & CO.,

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STILL HOCKS—	Rs. 24°, 27°, 36°, 42°
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Ditto Ditto MAGNUMS—	Rs. 45°, Rs. 42°, Rs. 38°, Rs. 32 / Rs. 84
SPARKLING HOCK AND MOSELLE—	Rs. 36°, Rs. 40°
SHERRIES—	Rs. 16, Rs. 19, Rs. 22, Rs. 23, Rs. 24, Rs. 28, 33, 38
PORTS—	Rs. 18°, Rs. 24, Rs. 25°, Rs. 30, Rs. 36
HAUT SAUTERNES—	Rs. 23°
BARSAC—	Rs. 17°
BREAKFAST CLARETS—	Rs. 10-8, Rs. 13-8
DINNER CLARETS—	Rs. 15-8°, Rs. 17°, Rs. 19°
AFTER-DINNER CLARETS—	Rs. 22-8°, Rs. 25°, Rs. 30°
CHAMBERTIN— Rs. 32°.	MACON— Rs. 21
NUITS— Rs. 26.	CHABLIS— Rs. 26°
STEINWEIN—	Rs. 20
COGNAC, the best—	Rs. 25, Rs. 29, Rs. 33, Rs. 42
WHISKEY—Rs. 21-8, Rs. 23-8.	RUM— Rs. 22-8
OLD TOM—Rs. 21-8.	GENEVA— Rs. 19
LIQUEURS—Rs. 30°, Rs. 40°.	BITTERS— Rs. 20, Rs. 24
Ditto assorted, in one dozen Pint cases only—	Rs. 24
MARSALA—Rs. 16.	MADEIRA— Rs. 40

Wines marked (°) are also kept in stock in Pints.

BEERS.

Their own special bottling, in magnificent condition, in casks of 3 dozens. None superior in the market.

TERMS.

Credit allowed, references being satisfactory. Liberal Discount for Cash. Unexceptional terms to Merchants and Traders buying largely. Wines, &c., shipped to Merchant's Brand if desired.

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MINIATURE COLOUR BOXES.

("PORTE COULEURS.")

These are recommended to Travellers and those to whom the ready conveyance and application of water colours is important.

No. 1—Circular, 2 in diameter, ½ in deep, containing 12 Colours, Rs. 7-8.

No. 2—Oblong, 2½ by 1⅞ by ¾ in deep, containing 12 Colours, Rs. 6-8.

No. 3—Oblong, 2½ by 1 by ½ in deep, containing 6 Colours, Rs. 4.

ARTISTS' REQUISITES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

THACKER, VINING, & Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

P. & O. DOCKYARD, MAZAGON.

SALE OF SURPLUS STORES.

The Undersigned is ready to receive TENDERS for the PURCHASE of IRON RODS, BARS, ANGLE IRON, &c., particulars of which can be obtained from the Storekeeper at the Dockyard.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

NOTICE.—The undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 11th and 12th instant, on account of DASSARA HOLIDAYS :—

For the Oriental Bank Corporation,
J. F. MOIR, Agent.

For the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China,
ROBERT CAMPBELL, Agent.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China,
JAMES DOUGLAS, Agent.

For the Comptoir D'Escompte de Paris,
H. DUVAL, Manager.

For the National Bank of India (Limited),
WM. A. BAKER, Acting Manager.

For the Agra Bank (Limited),
FRED. T. ATKINS, Offg. Manager.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
H. STEVENSON, Agent.

Bombay, 2nd October 1872.

NOTICE.—LIST of ESTATES which have come under the charge of the ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL, during the months of July, August, and September last :—

Farrar, Thomas, late Inspector of Masonry G. I. P. Railway Company.
Holland, John William, late Captain 24th Regiment Bombay Native Infantry.
Leigh, James, late Pensioned Surveyor of the Topographical Survey of India, Ellichpoor.
McMinn, Stephen Henry, Bombay Civil Service, late Assistant Collector, Sholapoor.
Rawle, Henry John, late Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey, S.M.C.
Shepherd, Alexander Fowler, late Sub-Editor of the *Times of India*.
Spring, Henry Stuart, late Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey, Hyderabad Assigned Districts.
Turner, George Hastings, late Lieutenant Royal Engineers.

N.B.—All persons having claims upon, being indebted to, or holding property belonging to the abovenamed Estates, are requested to communicate with the Undersigned.

W. LOUDON,
Administrator-General.

Bombay, Administrator-General's Office, 1st October 1872.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.—Any person having CLAIMS against the ESTATE of the late LIEUTENANT E. R. WOODWARD, 40th Regiment, is requested to forward the same within one month from this date, to the President of Committee of Adjustment.

MAJOR FITZGERALD,
49th Regiment.

Mhow, 28th September 1872.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE beg to inform our Customers and the Public, that we have THIS DAY REMOVED to No. 3, HORNBY ROW, opposite the New Post Office.

FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.

1st October 1872.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE beg to inform our Friends and the Public that we have THIS DAY REMOVED to No. 3, Hummum Street, (formerly occupied by Messrs. Grant and Son).

THOMSON & Co.,
Chemists and Druggists.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT 5 PER CENT. FUNDED LOAN.

REFERRING to the Advertisement which has appeared in this paper for the last fortnight, THE NATIONAL BANK of INDIA (Limited) are still prepared to receive TENDERS for the above SECURITIES.

WM. A. BAKER,
Acting Manager.

National Bank of India, Limited, Bombay, 26th Sept. 1872.

NOTICE—Applications will be received by the Undersigned for the OCCUPATION, from the 10th October 1872, of PLOTS of GROUND at the COTTON GREEN, Mahim. A deposit of Rs. 100 per each plot should accompany the application. This amount will be forfeited in case of any evasion or delay in signing the Deed of Agreement or paying the full amount of rent in advance before the 10th idem.

Further particulars may be learnt on application to

KAHANDAS MUNCHARAM,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.

Executive Engineer's Office, Bombay, 25th Sept. 1872.

BROACH MILLS COMPANY (Limited).—The ADJOURNED ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be HELD, at the Office of the Company, on SATURDAY, 5th October, at 3-30 P.M.

FORBES & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

BOMBAY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (Limited).—The above Company is prepared to EFFECT INSURANCES on the most favourable terms current in Bombay, and in addition return insurers 5 per cent. of the Premiums on Yearly Policies, and 2½ per cent. of the Premiums on Policies for Shorter Periods.

FORBES & Co.,
Secretaries and Managers.

THE APOLLO PRESS COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that the SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the APOLLO PRESS COMPANY (Limited) will be held at their Premises, at Colaba, on TUESDAY, the 8th proximo, at 3 o'clock P.M., to transact the following business :—

I.—To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st July 1872.

II.—To appoint a Director in the place of Mr. F. F. Liddердale.

III.—To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year, and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 1st PROXIMO until after the Meeting.

REMINGTON & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 28th September 1872.

INSURANCE.

THE UNDERSIGNED are prepared to accept every description of FIRE and MARINE RISKS in the following Offices at most favourable terms. Particulars can be ascertained on application :—

FIRE INSURANCE.

The London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company.
,, Samarang Fire Insurance Company.
,, Transatlantische Fire Insurance Company.

MARINE INSURANCE.

The Batavia Sea and Fire Insurance Company.
,, China and Japan Marine Insurance Company.
,, Rhein Westph. Lloyd's Transport Insurance Company.
,, Samarang Sea Insurance Company.
,, Swiss Lloyd's Transport Insurance Company.
,, Vaterlandische Transport Insurance Company.

VOLKART BROTHERS, Agents.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—NOTICE.—The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CHAMBER of COMMERCE will be HELD on TUESDAY next, the 8th instant, at 12 noon, at the Offices of the Chamber, for the transaction of the following business :—1. To receive the Report of the Out-going Committee, and to elect a Committee for the ensuing year. 2. To receive the Report of the Tonnage Scale and Landing Charges Committee. 3. To appoint a Special Committee to consider and report on the Port Trust Bill. 4. To consider the question of the Transit Duties to be levied on Cotton and other articles under the New Municipal Bill.

The punctual attendance of Members is particularly requested.

By Order of the Committee,
JAMES TAYLOR, Secretary.

Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, 1st October 1872.

DR. A. FITZPATRICK,

SURGEON DENTIST,

(LATE OF CALCUTTA,)

BEGS to inform the Nobility and Gentry of Bombay that he has been induced to begin Practice in this City, and can be consulted daily from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. at his Office, No. 12, Rampart Row, opposite the Esplanade Hotel.

PARCELS TO ENGLAND FOR ONE RUPEE.

THE Undersigned beg to inform their Constituents, and the Public generally, that they undertake to forward Parcels, Cases, &c., to England by the Mail Steamers at the following rate, viz. :—

Pare is not exceeding ½ cubic foot, Re. 1.

And for every additional ½ cubic foot or part thereof, Re. 1.

A written declaration of contents and value of each case is required.

Every information and assistance are afforded to the senders of parcels, either from Bombay or the Mofussil.

WM. WATSON & Co., Agents.

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THE "UNIVERSAL" BINOCULAR.

A cheap Achromatic, powerful, and thoroughly serviceable Binocular Glass, having a large field of vision.

The framing of the instrument is of metal covered with morocco leather, and is furnished with the usual sun and spray shades. Price, complete with strong leather case and shoulder strap,

Cash Rs. 40 ; Credit Rs. 44.

A SELECTION OF FIRST-CLASS GLASSES,

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BY VOIGTLANDER, ROSS, ELLIOTT, AND OTHERS.

Telescopes, Microscopes, &c., &c.

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BRAGG'S VEGETABLE CHARCOAL OR PURE CARBON

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ever offered to the public. By its action in absorbing all impurgases in the stomach and bowels, it affords speedy relief in all cases of

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and is invaluable in cases of, and is the best known preventative to, Yellow and other Fevers. It is largely used and recommended by all the highest medical authorities in England. Sold in Bottles by

J. L. BRAGG, 2, Wigmore St., Cavendish Sq., London.

Agents for Bombay Presidency,

TREACHER & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICES.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

ASQUITH AND COMPANY,

SHIRT-MAKERS,

HOSIERS, AND GENERAL OUTFITTERS,

22, APOLLO STREET, BOMBAY,

BEG to announce the arrival of new Goods for the present Season.

Owing to the unsettled state of the Home Markets, the Prices we now quote are subject to a rise or fall, in *Material* or *Labour*.

The Goods, being specially manufactured for us, will be found thoroughly suited to this climate.

PERFECT FITTING SHIRTS.

NEW AND CHOICE MATERIALS.

	Cash. Rs. a.	Credit. Rs. a.
OXFORD CLOTH—All the new patterns in this favourite material, which is cool, shrinkless, and absorbing ... ...Six for	36 0	42 0
TAFFEEA—A material gaining great favour, being moderate in price, extremely soft, and for comfort equal to the wear of the best spun silk ...Six for	36 0	42 0
SILK AND WOOL—Neat patterns and thoroughly shrunk ... ...Six for	52 0	58 0
FLANNEL—Do. do. do. ...Six for	49 0	56 0
FRENCH PRINTED CAMBRIC, with Collars attached ...Six for	28 0	31 8
PRINTED CAMBRIC, with Collars attached. A most useful Shirt ...Six for	22 8	25 8
BEST WHITE SHIRTS, fine Linen Fronts and Cuffs ...Six for	28 0	31 8
LONG CLOTH SHIRTS, Cambric Fronts and Cuffs ...Six for	22 8	25 8
DRESS SHIRTS, embroidered Fronts...From each	7 8	8 8

The above made to measure, or can be had ready for immediate wear

FROM

ASQUITH AND COMPANY,

SHIRT-MAKERS.

LUND'S PATENT JEWELLERY, IVORY AND GOLD,

WARRANTED 14-CARAT.

	Cash. Rs. a.	Credit. Rs. a.
Front Studs	4 0	5 0
Collar Studs	1 12	2 0
	2 0	2 4
Solitaires	4 8	5 8
Links	10 8	12 0
	11 0	14 0

WILL LAST FOR YEARS.

AGENTS :

ASQUITH AND COMPANY.

TAILORING DEPARTMENT,

IS NOW UNDER THE CAREFUL SUPERINTENDENCE OF AN EXPERIENCED CUTTER.

All orders entrusted to us receive great attention. Patterns and Instructions for self-measurement forwarded on application.

INDIA TWEED—A material manufactured of various mixed colours, very light and strong, and specially adapted for warm climates.

	Cash. Rs. a.	Credit. Rs. a.
Double Breasted Coat and Trousers	27 0	31 0
Best Blue Serge do. do.	30 0	34 0
Mixed Angola Suits ... ... from	30 0	34 0
Bedford Cord Riding Breeches or Trousers	25 0	28 0
Fancy Angola Trousers... ... from per pair	11 0	12 8
White Mess Jackets ... ...6 for	24 0	29 0
White Drill Trousers ... ... per pair	30 0	34 0
Striped do. do.	33 0	37 0
Best Linen Drill do. ... ... per pair	9 0	10 0
Morning Coats ... ... for	29 0	32 0
Dress Suits	75 0	85 0
Super do. do. ... ... lined silk	85 0	95 0

ASQUITH AND COMPANY.

HAT DEPARTMENT.

All the newest shapes just landed per P. & O. Steamship GOLCONDA.

	Cash. Rs. a.	Credit. Rs. a.
Lincoln and Bennett's celebrated Black Dress Hats	14 0	16 0
,, ,, Drab Shells	11 8	13 0
Ellwood and Sons' extra quality Black Dress Hats	12 8	14 0
Best Drab Shells	8 8	10 0

SMALL BLACK FELT HATS FOR EVENING WEAR.

The Athol, Tavistock, Beaufort, Napier, Blenheim, Isis, Werthing, Stafford, &c. ... each 7 0 8 0

HELMETS.

ASQUITH & Co.'s celebrated White Cork and Felt Hunting Helmets, wide brim ... each	13 8	15 0
The Regulation White Helmet	14 8	16 0
,, ,, Cork	12 8	14 0
Drab Hunting Helmets	8 8	10 0
Tweed Hats and Caps in great variety ... from	3 8	4 0
Boating and Cricketing Caps...	3 8	4 0

ASQUITH AND COMPANY.

OVERLAND TRUNKS, PORTMANTEAUS, &c.

	Inches.	Cash. Rs. a.	Credit. Rs. a.
GENT'S OVERLAND TRUNKS.— Best Japanned canvas, with strong brass locks and correct cabin height.	27	23 0	26 0
	30	25 8	28 0
	33	28 0	32 0
	36	31 0	34 0
SOLID LEATHER PORTMANTEAUS.—The very best and strongest made cow-hide, rivetted, with turn over edges, brass lever locks, and best strap round	24	52 0	58 0
	26	58 0	64 0
CASH OR COURIER BAGS.—Morocco leather, spring lock and shoulder strap passing under the bag		6 12	7 12
		7 12	8 12
CANVAS COURIER BAGS.—Lined red Moroccos		9 8	10 8
		10 8	12 0
THE "GLADSTONE" BAG.—Best morocco wide opening, and double spring locks ...		24 0	27 0
		27 0	31 8
		30 0	34 8
		20 0	24 0
RUGS.—Alpaca and Llama, made extra long in neat patterns		12 8	14 0
		16 8	18 0
		17 8	19 0
MAUDS.—Real Scotch		16 8	18 8
		18 0	20 0
RUG STRAPS.—With connecting handle ...		2 0	2 4
TRAVELLING PILLOWS		1 12	2 0
		2 0	2 4

ASQUITH AND COMPANY.

HOSIERY.

GENT'S COTTON AND MERINO SOCKS.

	Cash. Rs. a.	Credit. Rs. a.
Fine Brown Cotton—very strong ... per doz.	9 8	10 0
Super ,, ,, ,, ... ,,	11 8	13 0
Fancy Striped Socks ... ... ,,	12 8	14 0
Fine ,, ,, ... ,,	16 8	18 8
Superfine ... ... ,,	18 0	20 0
Real Balbriggan ... ... ,,	25 0	29 0
Plain Merino Socks, very soft ... ... ,,	15 8	17 0
Fine Striped ,, ... ,,	18 0	20 8
Superfine ,, ,,

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

(TUESDAY AFTERNOON.)

MARKET shares and Government Paper closed steady.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nomi. value p sh.	Paid up.	Last divi-dend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	75
22,000	1,000	all	6 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,410
10,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	715
10,000	500	100	5 p.ct.	Do 2nd Ees. Issue	222½
15,250	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,245
10,000	250	all	8 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. L. & China	300
40,000	281¼	all	12 pct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	410 nl.
40,000	200	all	Nil.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	175 nl.
37,000	250	125	3 p.ct.	National Bank of India	107 x. d.
10,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	475

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	2,000	all	Rs. 75	Colaba Land Co	1,465
8,000	150	all		Frere Land & Pier Co. Ld.	127
750	2,000	2,000	31p.s.	Mazagon Land	925
6,000	1,000	all	Nil.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	460

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

.....	£20	218·3·0	p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consoli. dated Stock	233
.....	£20	109·1·5	do.	Do. New £20 Shares	126
.....	£20	43·10·2	do.	Ditto	.....
.....	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,125
.....	£18	196·5·1	do.	Do. New Shares	225

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.	Rate.
London	At sight	1s. 10¼d.
London Bank	6 months' sight	1s. 11 5/16d. to ¾d.
Do. do.	3 Do. do.	1s. 11 1/16d.
Do. Credits	6 Do. do.	1s. 11 9/16d.
Do. do.	3 Do. do.	1s. 11¼d.
Do. Documents	6 Do. do.	1s. 11 9/16d.
Do. do.	3 Do. do.	1s. 11 5/16d.
Calcutta	At sight	100
Do.	30 days' sight	100
Do.	60 Do. do.	99½
Madras	At sight	100
Do.	30 days' sight	99¼
China	60 Do. do.	226

CALCUTTA.—28TH SEPTEMBER.

The following transactions are reported:—

In Government Securities—

4 per cents. at Rs. 101-8 to 101-10.

4½ per cents. at Rs. 104-0.

In shares—

Bank of Bengal shares at Rs. 1,405.

National Bank shares at Rs. 108 exclusive of the dividend for cash, and time-bargain contracts at Rs. 110, for deliveries early in November.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—1ST OCTOBER.

London ... Cotton ... Cases ... Seeds } No ship.

Liverpool: Iron Ships Cotton £2; Wooden Ships £2; Myrabolms & Colr bds £1 17s. 6d.; Seeds £1 10s. 0d.

Havre ... Cotton ... Coffee } No ship.

Overland...Steamers £2 10s. 0d.

Liverpool via Suez Canal £1 17s. 6d. to £2

China: Steamer Cotton Rs. 7 per bale; Opium Rs. 25 to 30 per chest; Sailing Ships Rs. 4½ per bale nominal

Calcutta ...Salt Rs. 5 0 0 per ton

Calcutta to Bombay Rs. 14 to 15 and Calcutta Port charges.

Mauritius Nothing doing.

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
2	Celia (s)	Jaffrey	Liverpool.
	Mount Washington	Titcomb	Calcutta.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—

Barque Countess of Elgin, Nacoda, to Calcutta.

Brig Flor de Mar, Nacoda, to Dieu.

Barque Futel Rahaman, Nacoda, to Calcutta.

Ship Eastern Light, McFee, to Rangoon.

DAILY IMPORTS.—2ND OCTOBER.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Andromeda, 1 bhad. portwine, N. F. Dhondy.

FROM LONDON.

Sam Mendel, 5 cases old tom, Payne & Co.

Ægean (s), 20 cases brandy, Hugh D. Fisher & Co.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Persia (s), 10 cases brandy, H. Bomanjee, Touche & Co.

DAILY EXPORTS—2ND OCTOBER.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Celia (s), 1 bale rags, Boopoomeya Dossmahomed; 30 bales cotton, Vuradhuan Thakersey; 8,500 bundles coir; ann. Soonderdass Mooljee; 35 bales cotton, Mahomed Futta; 1 bale cotton, G. Sigg & Co.; 5 chests M. opium, Owen and Okell; 47 bales cotton, M. B. Cursanjee; 200 bags galls, B. Mocarjee; 30 b les rags, B. D. Mahomed.

Australia (s), 23 bales wool, Ramdass Vussonjee; 50 bales wool, Khimjee Ramjee; 51 bales wool, Cullianjee Pitamber; 110 bales cotton, Lallbhoy Purboo'ass; 10 packages wet dates, Stearns, Hobart & Co.

FOR LONDON.

Australia (s), 15 bales hides, Shariff Salmahomed & Co.; 104 bundles hides, Norway Gargjee; 3 cases tortoiseshell, S. Futtaybhoy; 145 bundles h des, S. Wooseman; 52 cases shank, H. A. Ahmed; 106 bales orchillaweed, Tharis Topen; 95 bundles horns and 7 bundles hides, R. Mahomed.

FOR TRIESTE.

Oreste (s), 100 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee, Touche & Co.

SALES AND PURCHASES.

PIECE GOODS.

The market closed quiet without any change in rates. Be ow we give our closing quotations:—

Grey Shirtings 40 inch 39 yds. 6 lbs. Rs. 4 4 0 to Rs. 4 4 6
" " 40 " 39 " 7 lbs. " 4 11 0 to " 4 12 0
" " 40 " 39 " 8¼ lbs. " 5 7 0 to " 5 8 0
" " 40 " 39 " 8 lbs. " 5 8 0 to " 5 9 0
" " 45 " 39 " 9 lbs. " 6 7 0 to " 6 8 0
" Mad'polams 32 " 24 " 5 lbs. " 2 2 0 to " 2 2 6
" " 50 " 24 " 5¼ lbs. " 3 11 0 to " 3 12 0
" Jaconets 40 " 29 " 2½ lbs. " 2 1 9 to " 2 2 3

The following sales are reported to have been made by European firms yesterday:—

1,000 pieces Grey Shirtings 40 inch 39 yds. 8 lbs. Rs. 5 8 0
500 " " " 40 " 39 " 8¼ lbs. " 5 8 3
750 " " " 40 " 39 " 8½ lbs. " 5 9 0
1,000 " " Jaconets 40 " 29 " 2½ lbs. " 1 14 0
800 " " " 40 " 29 " 2 1of 16 " 2 1 0
800 " " " 40 " 29 " 2½ lbs. " 2 2 0
800 " " " 40 " 29 " 3½ lbs. " 2 2 6
800 " " " 40 " 29 " 2 13/16 lbs. " 2 4 6
800 " " " 40 " 29 " 2 15/16 lbs. " 2 6 3
400 " " " 45 " 29 " 3 lbs. " 2 6 6
400 " " " 45 " 29 " 3½ lbs. " 2 7 6
400 " " " 45 " 29 " 3 7/16 lbs. " 2 10 6
2,400 " White Malls 40 " 29 " No. 12to35 " 2 0 6to 4-5-3
3,000 " " Dimities 32 " 24 " " 2 15 0

COTTON.

100 Candies New Hingchaghaut (delv. in Jan.) ..... at Rs. 255
50 " Old Bhownuggur (ready) ..... at " 211

YARNS.

6,000 lbs. Water No. 30 ..... at 11 As. per lb.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH OFFICE—2ND OCTOBER, 8 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 2nd October, 1 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 48 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 2nd October, 11-25 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 55 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Russia, 1st October, 8-40 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 7 hours 27 minutes.

Via Turkey, 2nd October, 9-30 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 2 hours 10 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 2nd October, 11-50 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 2 hours.

Latest dates from China.

Via Singapore, 2nd October, 10-25 A.M. Time in transit, 10 hours 14 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 1st to 8 P.M. of the 2nd October is as follows:—

To Bombay.	Max.	Min.
From Calcutta	8 20	0 7
" Galle	7 36	1 19
" Kurrachee	5 14	0 14
" Madras	3 50	0 7

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 2nd October, 8 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom, via Russia, 2nd October, 3-10 P.M.; via Turkey, 1st October, 1-5 P.M. Latest dates from Continent of Europe, via Russia, 1st October, 8-40 P.M.; via Turkey, 2nd October, 9-30 A.M. Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Pera; Persian line right to London.

WEATHER REPORTS.

MANGALORE, 2nd Oct., 5 P.M.—Weather fair, wind north-west, thermometer 87.

CARWAR, 2nd Oct., 7 P.M.—Weather fine, wind south, thermometer 82, barometer 29·97.

TUTICORIN, 2nd Oct., 5 P.M.—Weather cloudy, wind west-south-west, thermometer 89, barometer 29·78.

CANNANORE, 2nd Oct., 5 P.M.—Weather clear, wind west, thermometer 76, barometer 30·040.

VINGORLA, 2nd Oct., 7 P.M.—Weather cloudy, wind west, thermometer 80, rainfall 3 cents.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—OCTOBER 2.

Macleod, Colonel, Staff, on duty, from Poona.

Ross, Captain, Staff, on medical certificate, from Poona.

Hutchell, Captain, Staff, on leave, from Poona.

Hicks, Brigade Major, Bengal District, on leave, from Belgaum.

Baddeley, Lieut. Madras Royal Artillery, on leave, from Aurungabad.

DEPARTURES.—OCTOBER 2.

Marshall, Captain, 4th Rifles, to join, to Baroda.

Lamb, Insp. Vet. Surgeon, medical department, on duty, to Poona.

POSTAL NOTICES.

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.	Mail closes.	After-packet.
United Kingdom	Oct. 7	5-30 P.M.	6-30 P.M.
Kurrachee	" 11	11 A.M.	12 A.M.
Persian Gulf via Kurrachee	" 4	11 A.M.	12 A.M.
China	" 8	3 P.M.	No after packet.
Australia	" 19	3 P.M.	
Mauritius, Reunion, &c.	" 28	5-30 P.M.	6-30 P.M.

OVERLAND MAIL.

The Overland Mail Steamers of the P. and O. S. N. Company leave Bombay every Monday at 6-30 P.M.

Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 5-30 P.M.

Newspapers, Books, and Patterns, up to 3 P.M.

Registered Letters up to 2 P.M.

Late letters, if fully prepaid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of late letter fee (4 annas each), will be received at the Pier Post Office from 5-30 to 6-30 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland covers at the several Branch Post Offices will be 1-30 P.M.

The subjoined Table shows the dates of departure of Overland Mail Steamers from Bombay during the year 1872. The hour of the steamer's departure is 6-30 P.M.:—

Monday	Oct. 7	Monday	Nov. 18
"	" 14	"	" 25
"	" 21	"	Dec. 3
"	" 28	"	" 10
"	Nov. 4	"	" 17
"	" 11	"	" 24
		"	" 31

POSTAGE BY THE BRINDISI ROUTE.

The Postage rates chargeable on Correspondence forwarded "via Brindisi," to the United Kingdom, or places served through the United Kingdom, are as follows:—

For the United Kingdom.

Each Letter per ½ ounce—annas 8.

Each Newspaper per 4 ounces—annas 2.

Each Book or Pattern Packet not exceeding one ounce—1 anna and 4 pie; not exceeding 2 ounces—annas 2, 8 pies; not exceeding 4 ounces—annas 4, 8 pies; every additional 4 ounces—annas 4 8 pies.

The full prepayment of Correspondence forwarded via Brindisi is optiona and all covers not fully prepaid will, unless specially marked by the senders for transmission by any other route and conforming to its conditions, be forwarded via Southampton.

MAILS TO MAURITIUS.

In supersession of Postal Circular No. 11, dated 26th January 1872, and Erratum, dated 2nd February 1872, it is notified that the dates on which Regular and Supplemental Mails will be made up are as given below:—

The dates of departure from Bombay of the Supplemental Mails are in consonance with the Time Table of the Messageries Maritimes Company, but as sometimes the French Mail Steamers leave Aden for the Mauritius before the dates given in the Time Table, the Indian Postal Department will not be responsible for any delay which the correspondence forwarded by that portunity may sustain at Aden.

Regular Mails.		Supplemental Mails.	
Monday	Oct. 28	Monday	Oct. 7
"	Nov. 25	"	Nov. 4
"	Dec. 23	"	Dec. 3
		"	" 23

THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

THE following are now the uniform rates of subscription to the *Bombay Gazette* both for town and up-country subscribers:—

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THE shape of the *Bombay Gazette Overland Summary* is now similar to that of the *Pall Mall Budget*. Residents in distant parts of India will find the *Gazette Summary* a convenient Weekly Paper of Bombay and general news. It contains all the Government Orders, Civil and Military, from the official *Gazettes*; specially-written Money and Commercial Market and Freight Reports; Leading Articles on the principal topics of discussion in India; and all the Local and General Intelligence of the Week.

The Edition for Indian Subscribers also contains the Telegrams received from Europe during the Week, and the Special London Correspondence, Political, Commercial, Military, and Sporting, published in the Daily *Bombay Gazette*.

A specimen copy will be sent on receipt of address.

Subscription for One Year, *Post Free in India*, Rs. 12.

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BOMBAY PRICE CURRENT.

THE *Bombay Price Current* is published Weekly at the *Bombay Gazette* Office, on the Departure of the Overland Mail for Europe.

Per Annum	Rs.	10	0 0
Per Copy	"	0	4 0

TO RESIDENTS OF POONA.

RESIDENTS of Poona may obtain the *Bombay Gazette* DAILY at Messrs. TREACHER & Co.'s, or Messrs. D. S. KEMP & Co.'s, POONA, price, 4 annas. Also, on Saturday the INDIAN EDITION of the *Bombay Gazette Overland Summary*, containing all the news of the week, the Telegrams received from Europe during the week, and the Special London Correspondence, Political, Commercial, and Sporting, published in the Daily *Bombay Gazette*.

THE MANAGER OF THE *BOMBAY GAZETTE* will feel obliged if the party to whom he lately lent a file of the *Gazette* for August will return the same without delay.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MR. E. M. WALTON, SURGEON AND MECHANICAL DENTIST, has removed from Meadow Street to No. 3, Hummum Street, above Messrs. Thomson and Co.'s, Chemists, and nearly opposite Messrs. Soondy and Co.'s.

BOMBAY, BARODA, and CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

Arrangements have been made by which PASSENGERS and SMALL PACKAGES from Bombay and Stations south of Bheelar can be taken across the Damaungunga and Par Rivers as far as Bulsar.

The Railway Communication north of Bulsar continues interrupted, but the Telegraph has been restored.

No parcel exceeding one maund in weight will be received at present for transmission no th of Bheelar.

The Mail Train Service is suspended and the Mixed Trains only will be run until further notice.

J. R. DUXBURY,
Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 20th September 1872.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BIRTHS.

CUBITT—September 20th, at Dacca, the wife of Captain W. G. Cubitt, of a son.

GREEN—September 24th, at Puri, Orissa, the wife of W. R. Green, Bengal Police, of a son.

SKINNER—September 25th, at Mozufferpore, the wife of Captain R. M. Skinner, of a son.

DEATHS.

HITCHINS—September 22nd, at Howrah, Mrs. Marianna Hitchins, widow of the late Edward Hitchins, Esq., Sub-Deputy Opium Agent, Moothiaree, Chumparan.

QUAID—September 24th, at Peshawur, from abscess of the liver, P. Quaid, Barrack-master, aged 49 years.

The Daily "BOMBAY GAZETTE," *and the* "BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY," *are filed for reference in the Intelligence Department, Indian Court, International Exhibition, Kensington.*

All MONEY ORDERS, CHEQUES, and other Remittances sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

The Bombay Gazette.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1872.

ON the same principle that a cat may look a king we suppose anybody may memorialise the Indian Government or write and publish a "memorandum" on any subject whatever. As a general rule it may be laid down that the man who publishes memorandums on any important public subject ought either to be somebody himself or have something valuable to say. A good deal can be not only tolerated but received with interest from anyone who occupies an important position, and especially if his opinion on the subject in hand is likely to have much effect in the settlement of it. Even if his views be not very wise, the mere fact of their being his views, and therefore likely to have weight, may give no little importance to them. On the other hand, the writer of a memorandum or of anything of the kind, may be unknown to the world and have nothing particular to do with the subject of which he treats, yet he may speak upon it so wisely and so well as to command attention.

We regret to say that we are unable to place Mr. Strange of Madras, who has just issued a "Memorandum on a proposed extension of the "Madras Railway from Bellary to Gudduck," in either of the above categories. He is, we understand, a member of the Madras Chamber of Commerce, but he does not speak in the name of that highly respectable body, and if the Madras Chamber of Commerce is neither much better nor much worse than other Chambers of Commerce, the mere fact of being a member of it is not likely to give anyone distinction in the world. Neither can we admit that what Mr. Strange has got to say on the subject which he has proposed to himself is of very much importance in regard to the vexed questions of railway communication for the Southern Mahratta country. He certainly states very well the advantages which are likely to accrue from a railway from Bellary to Gudduck, but nobody has ever denied these, and they do not by any means settle the question as to what is best to be done, in the way of rail, for the Southern Mahratta country; and when Mr. Strange states that "no attention has, so far, been given in Bombay "to yet a third proposal—that connected "with the extension of the Madras Railway from Bellary to Gudduck," he overlooks the fact that we ourselves some time ago referred to the advantages of such a line, and pointed out that if the great object of a railway in the Southern Mahratta country were to tap the cotton districts, then a line from Bellary to Gudduck would do that very effectually and at much less cost of construction than any other of the proposed lines.

But we must not write disrespectfully of Mr. Strange; for, though the world knows it not, he must evidently be an important personage and one whose approbation or disapprobation ought to go a long way. "I desire," he says in the second paragraph of his memorandum, "I "desire to express the satisfaction that I feel "at the readiness the Government of India have "shown, in the face of the difference of opinion "in Bombay as to the prospects of the projected line, to have the question thoroughly resifted." This satisfaction must be extremely gratifying to the Government of India, though it is difficult to see why a difference of opinion in Bombay as to the prospects of the projected line should have made it any the more meritorious for them to have the question thoroughly resifted; and, seeing that the "difference of opinion" was nearly all one way against the alleged prospects of the projected line which had led the Government of India into sanctioning it, Mr. Strange hardly does justice to the forcible nature of the inducements which the Government of India had to resift the subject.

An attempt has been made to give a factitious importance to Mr. Strange's letter. The *Times of India* has attempted to use it in order to bolster up its pet, the Carwar railway, project, by urging upon the notice of its readers the same arguments against the Deccan railway which the Bombay supporters of the proposed Carwar railway have urged, but which now appear in the shape of the argument of the Madras merchant. The readers of the *Times* are not reminded that all the figures and statements of Mr. Strange regarding the Sholapore line upon which his proposed line to Madras is argued, are taken from the arguments of the supporters of the Carwar scheme, while the facts and figures given on the other side are quietly ignored. Nor are they told anything about the opinion of the Madras merchant that "The "debate (in Bombay) shows pretty conclusively "that the estimate of traffic and construction of "the Carwar railway *are incorrect*, and the arguments advanced in favour of a railway from "Sholapore to Gudduck or Bunkerpore are *in "comparison well founded*." To point out the errors in the Madras scheme would be to go over the ground and repeat the figures and statements made in refuting the two supporters of Carwar in the Bombay Chamber of Commerce. The Madras merchant makes his comparison of the cost of taking cotton to Madras and Bombay by increasing the number of miles necessary to get to Sholapore, and by making the line to Bombay charge double the rate which the Madras line is to charge. But these incorrect figures are not sufficient for his purpose; and, to support his proposal further, he is obliged to ignore the increasing trade to the Continent, and to make the following strange statements:—"I believe the "extent of the trade with the Continent to have "been much exaggerated." "The Continental "markets are all comparatively small, soon "glutted, and not to be depended on." And this, notwithstanding that by his own figures nearly one-third of all our shipments of cotton for the six months ending 30th June last were to the Continent. We are not surprised after this to see in a Madras article setting forth Mr. Strange's chief points, a paragraph in favour of the "time honoured bullock carts;" remarks which our contemporary considers to be "too generally "applicable to all our present costly railways."

The supporters of the Madras line and the Carwar line each think the proposition of the other as not worth consideration, and only agree in incorrect statements regarding the Deccan line, statements which are borrowed the one from the other. We think the Carwar railway scheme can be left to the Government Committee, who though they are not all persons who have not expressed a previous opinion on the subject as desired by the Supreme Government, have enough of the independent element to come to a fair decision.

THE name of Bedlam has a sad and mournful sound. It brings to the mind's eye very many reminiscential memories. Few of us have passed from boyhood to man's estate without recollecting some one case, in which a friend who had once been in his sound senses had lost the balance of his mind, and suffered from monomania. In England and upon the Continent we see from official returns that insanity is largely on the increase, and regent statistics taken in India prove that "*aleniure of the brain*" is becoming a very common disorder, and that a large proportion of the population of Hindustan are, vulgarly speaking, as mad as March hares. This being so, it was not a matter of wonder that we recently devoted a large share of our columns to a description of the mad house at Colaba. It is no secret in England that establishments for the reception of persons of unsound mind have been shamefully managed, and the patients even still worse treated. The very aid of Parliament of late years has been invoked to protect persons bereft of reason, and very heavy penalties have been provided for the punishment of offenders, who are guilty of cruelty to the deranged. We were anxious to ascertain the precise state of matters at Colaba, and we commissioned our special correspondent to report upon the Government Asylum established in this city. He did so very fully, and we may be pardoned for also saying very truthfully, and his reports are in favour of the kindness of the officials to the patients. That his statements are substantially correct cannot be denied, for had he, as "Ingennous" charges, when writing in the *Times of India* on the 17th September last, "word painted" his description, and laid "on the colour so "lavishly," it is surely probable that Dr. Shepherd, the Superintendent, or Dr. Weir, his assistant, would have found means to have contradicted his account long ago. Indeed the matter is one of such public interest, that Government itself would have ere this taken official steps to impugn the "sensational "account," as the *Pioneer* calls it.

This journal appears to think that our correspondent has made charges against the medical officers in charge of the Asylum, and further with an insolence and ignorance hard to appreciate, ventures to charge the *Gazette* with an "exaggerated or incorrect" account, and also of "being desirous to pile up the "agony." The *Pioneer* speaks of "Ingennous" as a "well informed" correspondent. It is somewhat odd that this paper should take upon itself to declare that a person who anonymously addresses another newspaper, and who writes only in a most general style, is better informed than one whom we sent specially to investigate the matter, and in doing so the *Pioneer* must have been actuated either by stupidity, a determination to have a hit at ourselves at any cost, or a desire to air a knowledge of circumstances which it knew nothing about. Now our correspondent never attacked the medical officer in charge, while he did the system; and he left the Asylum to be judged by facts. The *Pioneer* read through four or five columns of our correspondent's account, and could not find many remarks to cavil at. At last the writer stumbled over the observation that the cells "8 feet by 10 had no ventilation except "what is gathered through the bars, either of the "window that looked out upon the yard, or "the door that opened into the corridor," and on this we are taken to task as follows:—"Certain cells are spoken of as possessing no "means of ventilation but door or window, but "as the door occupies nearly the whole of "one side of the cell and is of iron bars, and the "window occupies the other, there is perhaps "little need of any more elaborate contrivance." Now it is a fact that both ends of the cells are open, but this in no way proves that air is admitted. One window of the open end is a kind of grated door, properly to speak, which looks out upon a nasty close passage which may be described as a gallery. This place is nightly filled with people for whom there is not ordinary accommodation, and the air of this passage from overloading is foul and most destructive to health. Medical investigations have taught us that the perspiration of a crowd of sick lunatics gives off noxious odours and sickening smells, and it is not hard therefore to understand that a room, the door or window of which opens into a passage choked with fetor may be truly described as unventilated, and be properly condemned as a mephitic region, the air of which would not only be loathsome to feel, but actually dangerous to swallow. This bad effluvia had to be endured by the madmen from eight in the evening, when the patients retire to rest, until the following morning. Will the *Pioneer* call this ventilation? and still charge our correspondent with writing "in a vein of exaggeration"? But the writer of the visit to Bedlam, still insists on the accuracy of his description, and further tells us, that the other end of the cells opens upon a yard which is overcrowded all day with lunatics who frequently block up the barred windows by standing in front of them. Notwithstanding that the *Pioneer* talks so glibly about ventilation, the real truth is that both ends of the cells are frequently so obstructed, that little or no fresh air can find its way into these unsavoury regions. When a writer at a distance, attacks another, and disputes his facts, he should at least make sure that truth and reason are with him. The *Pioneer*, in a saucy tone of depreciation, speaks about our correspondent being an "anonymous" writer; but the writer, whether worthy or unworthy, was the correspondent of this paper, and when we mention that his sketch of the Colaba asylum has been accepted in this presidency as the truth, we think the general public on the other side of India will also agree with us, that the intelligence shown by the *Pioneer* in thus giving flat contradictions on matters upon which it has no knowledge, is not of an order which will assist its respectability as an organ of truth or usefulness. We happen to know that the authorities at Colaba have not detected the errors in description which the *Pioneer* pretends to have found out, and if the account was not one of a reliable nature, its statements would long ago have been challenged. Since our correspondent wrote about the Colaba establishment, the new wings then building have been finished and occupied. This is a great matter, for it was a positive disgrace to civilization, that the male insane inmates should have an opportunity of hourly seeing the mad women, and of making filthy gestures and improper overtures to them. By the new arrangements a perfect separation has been effected. This standing slur on the Asylum has now been withdrawn, and although at Dr. Shepherd's recommendation this and several other important improvements have cost Rs. 40,000, we consider the benefits have been cheaply purchased. We are delighted to hear that another great evil is likely to be brought to a close. Hitherto criminal lunatics have been allowed to mix with the other classes of mad persons. This was an outrage upon good and unfortunate maniacs, and during sane intervals they must have been shocked to find that on account of a terrible visitation of the Almighty, they were forced to associate with felons and murderers, who had become insensate bedlamites from the very enormity of their crimes. We hear that it has been proposed to build a long wall, and to form a separate ward or division, so that those who are incarcerated, simply on account of aberration of intellect, may not be condemned to live with common thieves who have lost reason, perhaps by indulgence in vice and crime. Another improvement just carried out is the separation of the epileptic patients from the general ones. The old Female Ward has been set apart for their reception. These unfortunates are a class who require the greatest care. It is often; we believe generally; unsafe to allow them to sleep on beds, as when a fit comes on as they fall off and injure themselves, and so their mattresses are placed on the ground to prevent injury. The great difficulty and delay in procuring water has always been felt at this asylum, as it has to be lifted from wells and carried up to the hospital. A proposal has been made to lay pipes, so as to ensure a constant supply of pure water, and this we think a move in the right direction. The Parsees have had separate accommodation apportioned to them; but Mussalmen and Hindoos still remain mixed as formerly. We do not see why this exception should have been made in favour of the fire worshippers. The new female wings are quite separate, and distant, from those of the males, and a separate establishment of cooks have been maintained for their use. The salaries paid at Colaba are moderate, but there are not a sufficient number of wardboys-keepers. We understand that 31 wardboys look after 184 men patients, while there are only 5 ayahs to 47 women patients. The employment of the insane poor people in healthful labour is most desirable, but has hitherto been most difficult to carry out on account of want of space. They have recently been put to garden work, but the grounds are of such small extent that all cannot be daily employed nor can their labour be made reproductive. This in a great measure might be so, if the authorities would only give the vacant ground on the right of the hospital. The Government of India own this land, and report has it that some dispute exists between the Bombay Government and the parent power, and, in consequence, this space is allowed to remain perfectly useless. It may be required for barracks some day, but its use as a garden would not prevent Government taking it back when required. If vegetables were grown here, the proceeds of their sale would more than repay expenses for walling in, and thus a profitable use might be made of the labour of these lunatics, as well as securing for them open air exercise so essential for the recovery of health. Although Colaba may cease to be a large establishment when the new asylum is built, there must always be an asylum at Bombay for the reception of soldiers going home. Report has it that a hill near Matonga will be the cite of the new building which Captain Merewether has designed upon the suggestions of Dr. Shepherd. This place, we learn, has the approval of Dr. Johnstone, the very able Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, who is, we hear, taking a most active part in all the new arrangements. No doubt he has well and carefully considered the matter, but the marshes round Matonga have a famous name for fever. Originally one of the objections to this spot was on account of the guinea worm which afflicted nearly all who resided there, but as Vehar water would now be supplied, this objection is met. We learn that a special examination of the water in this neighbourhood has been made, but with what result we are ignorant. We are not advocates for treating lunatics harshly, but in the course of our enquiries about Colaba we are told no punishments of a corporal character are permitted. This is a mistake, for in the intervals of sanity mad men become very violent, mutinous and lazy. It is no uncommon thing for patients to refuse work, and on these occasions the doctor in charge can only reduce their diet. The law of the land makes even a mad man responsible if he understands the nature of a crime he is about to commit, in an interval of reason, and under this view we think the superintendent should be vested with certain discretionary powers in the event of violence and mutiny at times when rationality is apparent. The time has come when asylums in India must be placed on a similar footing to those in England, Germany, and America, the only three countries which have really taken a real interest in the great question of how we should govern, treat and cure mad people. We believe our American cousins are far in advance of us, and others in these matters, and we should not be ashamed to consult their policy and to avail ourselves of their collection of knowledge upon matters connected with ailments of the brain, which, we regret to say, are very largely on the increase. We hope our friend of the *Pioneer* may never have to complain of want of ventilation should he ever visit Colaba either as a visitor or resident.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

LONDON, 2ND OCTOBER.

Lord Hatherley's resignation is confirmed. Sir Roundell Palmer has been appointed his successor.

The foot and mouth disease is rapidly spreading throughout Yorkshire and Warwickshire.

The Prussian Government emoluments to the Bishop of Ermeland have been stopped from the 1st inst.

The Bank of France has extended its limits for advances on securities.

The revenue of Great Britian for the quarter ended the 30th Sept. is £15,812,500.

LONDON, 1ST OCTOBER, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day closed firm.

Fair Dholleras, 6 7/16d.

The Manchester market has been quiet, but steady.

7 lbs. Shirtings ..... 7s. 9d.

8½ do. ..... 9s. 1½d.

40's Mule Twist ..... 1s. 2½d.

The sum of £95,000 was paid into the Bank of England to-day.

The sum of £60,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England to-day.

Consols ..... 92¼.

(*By Indian Telegraph.*)

GALLE, 2ND OCTOBER.

ARRIVED steamer Tanjore from Sydney 8th, Melbourne 11th, and King George's Sound 18th September.

New gold fields have been discovered at Yam Creek, about 150 miles from Port Darwin. Several hundred miners have left for that port.

Overland Telegraph completed on 22nd August, and messages transmitted from one end to the other. Line works splendidly.

Coffee, moderate demand. Sugar, firm. Metals, market quiet. Rice, dull, quoted at £20.

IT is said that a floating bridge is about to be constructed over the Ganges at Ghazeepore.

THERE have been again heavy rains at Tientsin, and the whole country which was covered with water last year is again inundated.

A BRILLIANT meteor passed to the eastward of Madras on the night of Saturday. The sea, for a moment, was quite lit up by its pale splendour.

THE total amount subscribed for Mrs. Elson, the widow of the heroic pilot Elson, is about Rs. 8,800. Mrs. Elson has proceeded home to her father, a clergyman of the Church of England.

THE Madras Boat Club have tried to raise the flagging spirits of the Madrassees by getting up rowing matches on the Cooum. The proceedings on Saturday drew a comparatively small attendance.

IT is stated that a corner of the new Indian Museum at Calcutta has sunk 13 inches. As a massive tower is about to be added to the building we may soon, says the *Indian Observer*, expect "the permanent settlement" of the Museum.

MAJOR-GENERAL MCMURDO does not leave India for good and all, until after the breaking up of the Camp of Exercise. He is to have the command of a division at Hussun Abdul. Generals Sir H. Tombs and Macdonald are also to have commands of Divisions.

THE Simla journal regrets to learn that Mr. Wellesley, Under-Secretary in the Home Department, has been for some time in a weak state of health, probably owing to excessive official work, which has increased considerably of late; it is not improbable that a furlough to Europe will be necessary.

THE Japanese difficulty with the Coreans is said by the *Chian Mail* to be rapidly becoming critical. The Coreans demand war, and China has plainly declared that if there be war it will take part against Japan. The receipt of the Corean challenge is said to have delayed the Mikado's progress at Hiogo.

THE *Civil and Military Gazette* says—"It has at length been decided that all the Government Secretariat Offices shall come up to Simla next year as usual, without any reductions or alterations whatever. There may be some saving effected in other ways, but no attempt will be made to curtail the strength of the offices, to divide them, or to reduce the present necessary expenses attending their movements to and fro."

No English paper, when announcing the titles and honours of the different members of the Burmese "Embassy" now in England, has thought it worth while to inform the public that the chief man of that Embassy, Ken Wondouk, who gives himself out to be the First Minister of State at Mandalay, was in Major Sladen's time a prisoner in the common jail at Mandalay, and that Major Sladen (no bad judge of Burmese officials) described him in a letter to the Indian Government as "*a villain*."

THE finale of the Southern India Rifle Association was played last Friday evening on the parade-ground, Bangalore, when Major-General Borton, C.B., commanding the division, in the presence of a very numerous assemblage of spectators, presented the prizes to the winners. A wish has been expressed that riflemen should come forward and measure skill with the crack shots of Southern India. Calcutta, with its Volunteer Corps, may respond to the wish—but alas, for Bombay, nobody knows what has become of its Volunteers, and we are afraid that Bangalore will have to look for warriors worthy of its guns elsewhere than in the capital of Western Ind."

A NOTIFICATION has been issued from the Hydrabad Residency, dated the 18th September 1872, stating, for general information, that cholera is now showing itself in many parts of Berar. Persons intending to visit the shrine at Devulgaon Raja in the Booldanah district, where there is reason to fear that an outbreak of the epidemic is more specially imminent, are therefore strongly recommended not to do so this year; because, in the event of the disease gaining ground, the local authorities will be under the necessity, however reluctantly, of taking steps which will not only arrest altogether the movement of traders towards that place, but also interfere very seriously with the free access of pilgrims themselves to the shrine.

MILITARY ITEMS.

LIEUTENANT T. J. BAILEY, Bengal Staff Corps, has been allowed furlough to Europe for two years, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1868.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK PELHAM BARTHOLO

ons of those poor creatures are fortunate enough to enjoy. Be that as it may, it is not the point in question with regard to the salaries of the workmen that we are looking to at present, but the injustice of depriving them of that miserable pittance for every Sunday and holiday that they are privileged to be absent. Whether it be a holiday of nations (Sunday), a holiday granted as a privilege by Government, public holidays, or holidays of festivals, they forfeit those days' wages, the labourers (even if willing) being totally prohibited to work. "Even" half-days of Saturdays, which are granted throughout almost every Government department by the kind considerations of the head officials, are grudged to this department. Whilst on the other hand, from different Budgets have we been shown the reckless extravagance of Government, wherein thousands of rupees have been expended to no purpose, and yet few hundreds are grudged towards this hard-working class, who can "almost" justly claim it, and which would be to them a hundred-fold benefit. "A penny wise and pound foolish" Government! Nay, furthermore, should they encounter the common enemy of mankind, "sickness," which we all have to battle against, they forfeit each and every item of their wages for the number of days absent, certificates being of no consideration, and "moiety" being altogether out of the question. Yes, a still "more considerate" discipline is being carried into effect (which I have heard authentically) that every working man compelled to leave his work is cut "one anna," whatever may be the reason of his going away for a short time.

Suffice to say, without enumerating the different privileges granted to other Government departments, that even private factories, cotton presses, printing presses, merchants' offices, &c., do not, as a rule, deprive the wages of their employes when they allow them the privileges of a few holidays in the year.

Government is therefore deeply and, I may add, thankfully indebted to the "wise and economising" administration of the zealous and arduous Agent of the Gun-Carriage department, by whom the coffers of Her Majesty's Treasury are being rapidly augmented.

OTHELLO.

MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The controversy that has been raging for some time past between the Ratepayers' Committee and Government is now about closed, and Government control over the affairs of our Municipality will continue.

The Ratepayers' Committee have argued that Government have no confidence in the ratepayers; but the Hon'ble Mr. Tucker retorts that it appears to him that the ratepayers have no confidence in Government.

The Ratepayers' Committee ask that the ratepayers be allowed to manage their own affairs untrammelled by Government interference, and it appears plausible enough that they should be allowed to do so if they wish, which is not quite certain; but Government decline.

I have used the words Ratepayers' Committee, because it is not known that the ratepayers as a body *do* ask to control their own affairs, and it never can be decided unless by the ballot-box.

It appears to me that Government instead of promising the ratepayers a trial of managing their own affairs, which promise has not been carried out, would have done better if they had found out positively that the ratepayers really wished to do so.

The Hon'ble Mr. Narayen remarked yesterday that "the masses of the people are groaning under pressure "of taxation, and care for this more than they do for "any system of representation."

In fine, if the Hon'ble Mr. Narayen is right, whoever can relieve the portion of our community that now pay excessive taxes (whether Government, or the representatives of the people) will be popular. Government has failed to do so; would the representatives of the people, were they allowed to control matters, be able to accomplish what Government has failed to do?

There are ways of taxation which might be introduced in Bombay that would touch the entire population, and I apprehend that the difficulty at present is that the entire population, or anything near the entire population, is not reached.

Now there is one tax that might be levied which would yield a very considerable sum and yet not be felt. It might be called the municipal tax.

Every man in the community over 21 years of age might be obliged to pay a Municipal tax, and I think such a tax might be levied in Bombay, say 5 rupees per head per annum on all persons who pay an income-tax on Rs. 1,000 income per annum, and 5 rupees per head per annum on every Rs. 1,000 income additional, and all who are taxed on income under Rs. 1,000 per annum should pay a rupee per head per annum. For instance, if I am taxed justly on an income of Rs. 1,000 per annum, I certainly can afford to pay Rs. 5 per annum Municipal tax, or if I am justly taxed on an income of Rs. 19,000 per annum, I certainly ought to be willing to contribute Rs. 50 per annum for the benefit of the Municipality.

I think the Municipal tax would not be unpopular, and it might be made to yield a very considerable sum per annum. Now there is another tax I think might be levied and not touch any one to hurt them. I mean a trade tax. Let every merchant, shopkeeper or person in trade of any kind pay a small tax, say Rs. 5 per annum. If I am a merchant or shopkeeper or in trade of any kind, surely I can afford to pay a trade tax of Rs. 5 per annum and not feel it, and in the aggregate the Municipal tax and trade tax would, I think, be found to yield handsomely and not hurt anybody.

The point is to tax the people. Get some tax that will find everybody. At present the taxes are paid in the main by the few; but the people get off scot free or very nearly so. It is a most wonderful thing that the people who are not averse to fair taxation are not reached. The people do not object to fair taxation; but it is hard that a select few should have to bear the whole burden.

The same machinery that collects the income-tax at present might be used in collecting the new Municipal and trade taxes, also a fire brigade tax, which I shall allude to presently.

I have always felt that an income-tax was just, only I think the income-tax in India is too high; but that is a mere matter of opinion.

Certainly if I make an income in India I ought not to object to pay a small percentage to Government if they require it, and if my income is, say, Rs. 5,000 per annum, I certainly ought to be willing to pay a paltry Rs. 25 per annum Municipal tax and a small trade tax, provided I am in trade, of Rs. 5 per annum. We must be taxed; but it appears to me the main thing is to distribute the taxes equitably.

There is talk now of taxing fire insurance companies, and I think it right that fire insurance companies should pay a fire brigade tax; but I think a fire brigade tax should be put on the entire community as well, and that all ratepayers should pay a small sum per annum as a fire brigade tax, say five rupees per head. What is five rupees per head per annum? and in the aggregate it would yield quite a sum. Very many people do not insure at all, and we all want an effective fire brigade; but why make the municipality pay for it out of taxes that are wanted for other uses? Why not have a special fire brigade tax?

I have already trespassed too much upon your space; but my only excuse is that I want to see the people taxed in such a way as not to fall too heavily upon any one, yet yield sufficient to help out the very large sum that this city requires per annum to carry on with. When it comes to improvements on a large scale I have never had but one opinion, and it is that all improvements of magnitude that will benefit our children and our children's children, should not be borne by the present generation. The municipality should be allowed to borrow money for all such purposes, and we of this generation at least should only be called upon to pay the interest on the debt.

In advocating a municipal tax, trade tax and fire brigade tax, I do not mean that the foregoing taxes should be levied in excess of present taxes, but that the amount of some of the taxes now in vogue should be reduced to the extent the new taxes would probably amount to.

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BOMBAY.

AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGES.—A native paper points out the necessity for opening agricultural and industrial colleges in this country.

CHOLERA.—Three cases of cholera were reported to have occurred on Tuesday—one at Oomercarry, one at Wilderness Road, Malabar Hill, and one at Mount Pleasant Road.

THE INSOLVENCY OF A PARSEE MERCHANT.—It is stated that several local Banks and Marwarrie merchants will sustain a heavy loss in consequence of the insolvency of Mr. Ruttonjee Eduljee Bottlewalla.

ASSAULT.—At the Fort Police Court, before Mr. Nana Morojee, yesterday, one Visram Mala, a butler, was charged with assaulting one Lucknak Balnak. He pleaded guilty and was fined five rupees.

ACCIDENT ON BOARD-SHIP.—A man named Raja Baboo, employed on board the ship Bavelau, had his right leg broken by a tub of coal falling on it on Tuesday. He was removed to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

FURIOUS DRIVING.—Yesterday, at the Girgaum Police Court, two Mussulman cotton cleaners were charged with driving their vehicles in a rash and negligent manner on the Mahaluxmee road, and were each fined five rupees.

STRIPES.—At the Girgaum Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Woodward, a Camatee named Syajee Nursoo was charged with stealing a saree belonging to one Bhawoo Gopal, and was on conviction sentenced to receive fifteen stripes.

THE JAM OF NOWANUGGUR.—A correspondent of the *Bombay Samachar* observes that nothing is as yet known as to how the Jam has disposed of the case in which five Girassias were killed some time ago by the Jam's Sebundee in a boundary dispute.

CITY SURVEY DEPARTMENT OF SURAT.—A Surat paper complains that the sunnuds issued by the City Survey Department of Surat, on receipt of a fee of two rupees per sunnud, do not contain the exact measurements of the properties to which they pertain.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday a labourer employed at the Government Dockyard accidentally fell into the dry dock from the staging erected alongside the steamer Semiramis. The man was much hurt, and was removed to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

DISTRICT PLEADER'S EXAMINATION.—The *Gujerat Mitra* disapproves of the order of the Judges of the High Court, requiring a knowledge of the vernacular up to the sixth standard of the school course in the candidates who would appear at the next district pleaders' examination.

A PERJURY CASE AT AHMEDABAD.—A case is at present pending in the Court of the Deputy Magistrate of Ahmedabad, in which a well known Hindoo of that place by name Pranjal Achratlal stands charged with giving false evidence in a judicial proceeding.

THE VEHAR LAKE.—The height of water in the Vehar Lake for the week ending Saturday, 28th Sept., was 51 feet 3 tenths, the total rainfall up to same date being 65 inches 47 cents. In the corresponding week last year it was 48 feet 3 tenths, and the total rainfall 39 inches 27 cents.

A EUROPEAN VAGRANT.—Henry Shea, a European, was charged before the Magistrate at the Girgaum Police Court yesterday with being a vagrant and wandering about without any visible means of subsistence, and was ordered to be sent to the Government workhouse attached to the House of Correction.

PROPOSED BAND CONTEST.—We understand that very shortly a general muster of military bands will take place in Poona, but for what purpose we cannot say, unless it be (as we sincerely hope it will) to take part in a monster band contest. The idea is an excellent one, and we hope to see it carried out.—*Deccan Herald.*

THE FORGERY AND CHEATING CASE.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Nana Morojee, a Pardasee named Kassim Panday, against whom a warrant was issued on the 28th ultimo at the instance of Runsordas Toolseydas, was charged with using as genuine a forged document, and also with cheating. He was remanded to jail.

ACCIDENT AT THE MAZAGON DOCK.—Early yesterday morning a seaman of the steam ship Ionia, now lying in the British Indian Steam Navigation Company's Dock, Mazagon, accidentally fell down the hold from the main deck, and was seriously injured. He was soon removed to the Jamsetjee Hospital, where he now lies in a precarious state.

IMAGES FOUND.—On Tuesday a Hindoo named Nathsjee Bussawath found at Byculla six silver and copper images and one copper image, lying amongst some rubbish in front of his house at Byculla. The images were made over to the police, and are now lodged at the office of the Commissioner of Police, Mazagon, for identification.

THE STATE OF CHOTA OODEYPORE.—The *Sunsher Bahadoor* gives a good account of the administration of the State of Chota Oodeypore, in Rewa Kanta, and attributes this satisfactory management to the Chief being intelligent and taking personal trouble in its supervision. Mr. Keshowjee Ramjee, the adviser of the Chief, is praised for the good advice he gives to his master.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.—The *Akhbari Soudagar* is much rejoiced to find His Excellency Sir Philip Wodehouse devote close and uninterrupted attention to his work. H. E. is said to read every case, whether it be long or short, important or unimportant, requiring his opinion, and not to leave it to his Councillors or his Secretaries to dispose of it, as was done by his predecessor.

A SUMMONS AGAINST A HINDOO MAHARAJ.—The Rev. Jerome Antone Pereira yesterday took out summonses from the Girgaum Police Court against Jeevanlaljee Maharaj and John De Cruz, on a charge of allowing a common brothel and lodging-house for prostitutes in the Breach Candy Road to the annoyance of the respectable inhabitants in the vicinity.

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION.—A native contemporary calls into question the wisdom and propriety of a Government resolution which makes it imperative on every probationary Government servant to pass the necessary departmental examination within one year, under the penalty of losing his appointment in case of failure. The writer requests Government to modify it by extending the period of probation to two years, and giving the probationaries two chances instead of one.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.—Yesterday at noon a very fat Parsee, whilst sitting on the boundary wall of a well on the Esplanade (saying his prayers probably), lost his equilibrium and fell headlong into the well. Another Parsee passing by just at the time fortunately saw the accident and cried for help, which brought a European gentleman and a hamal to the spot. A *pugree* was let down and the drowning man took hold of it, and then the hamal descended and helped the man from his perilous situation.

THEFT ON BOARDSHIP.—Mrs. A. Gott, known in Bombay as Miss Carrie Spencer, who arrived here from Kurrachee by the steam ship Punjab on the 30th ultimo, has reported to the police the loss of about Rs. 95 from her box. It appears that Corporal Spithal, R.A., took the box on shore by mistake together with his luggage. The box was found at the Apollo Bunder, but it did not appear to have been tampered with. It is suspected that the complaint made is a false one, and enquiries are being made by the police into the matter.

A GUJERATHE SERIAL PUBLICATION.—Some time ago we noticed with satisfaction the initiation of a novel experiment in Gujeratee literature, namely, the serial publication of a good, readable novel in weekly parts, to be afterwards made up into volumes. Messrs. Cooper and Co., book-sellers, Meadow Street, deserved well of the Gujeratee reading public for making this experiment, and we should be glad to know that the result has answered their anticipations. The second volume of the work has just been published under the title "The Talismanic Image of Mazandran; or the Blessing of Pious Dinbanoo;" and will form a fit companion to the first. The incidents of the story are romantic, and are related in a simple, readable style. We fancy that the book will find its way to many readers in the native community.

A NATIVE'S IDEA OF NATIVE TALENT FOR JOURNALISM.—The *Gujerat Friend* writes—"The English people yield to none in the management of their journals. Americans may contest their supremacy, but none can surpass them in purity of language, depth of comprehension, and the lofty principles on which the best of their journals are conducted. The natives have learnt the art of journalism from their English masters. From their precepts and examples they have imbibed a spirit favourable to the advocacy of the oppressed ryot, or the support of the necessary aristocracy. They have learnt this art, which their rulers first taught them, and some of them have made some progress in it. The spread of vernacular journalism is an encouraging feature of the times. In our Presidency there are about fifty newspapers conducted by natives. We believe that the progress of journalism in any country is the real index of the progress of the nation. We can learn the character of a people from the character of its journals. Nobody who reads the best native newspapers can conscientiously say that their tendency is bad, or that they teach anything but love to God and our countrymen. Occasionally you will find a journal conducted without any acknowledged principle, but where there is one of this kind there are two which faithfully serve the Government, strengthen the loyalty of the people, and fight for the just and legitimate rights of Indians."

ALLEGED ILLEGAL ARREST.—An inquiry was held yesterday in chambers before Mr. Justice Gibbs at the High Court, as to an alleged illegal arrest of Pestonjee Hormusjee Pastagia, a debtor of Messrs. Craigie, Lynch, and Owen, solicitors, in respect of the balance due on a bill of costs. The solicitors had obtained a warrant of arrest against the debtor, who was arrested by a sheriff's bailiff on the Esplanade about 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning last and brought into the Fort in custody. His story was that, between 11 and half-past 11 that morning, in obedience to a summons from the Master in Equity, requiring him to execute certain deeds at the Master's office, he was proceeding along Apollo Street in the direction of the High Court, when he was arrested by the bailiff. On the other hand, it was stated for the solicitors that, about the time abovementioned, the debtor was in their office in custody of the bailiff. His Lordship, after hearing evidence on both sides, decided that the arrest was legally effected. The debtor was, therefore, removed in custody. Mr. Lang, instructed by Messrs. Shapoorjee and Thakurdas, appeared for the debtor; and Mr. Craigie, of the firm of Messrs. Craigie, Lynch, and Owen, in support of the legality of the arrest.

HIGH COURT.—3RD OCTOBER.

Before the Hon. Acting Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. Justice Bayley, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Green.

APPEAL FOR HEARING.

639 & 822-71—Rimington, Hore, and Langley—Ahmedbhoy Hubibhoy v. Soonabai, widow, and another—Macfarlane and Skipsey.

Appeals before the Hon. Acting Chief Justice and the Hon. Mr. Justice Melvill.

Especial cases from Small Causes Court for Judgment.

2490S-70—Bai Jadao alias Casibai, widow v. Tribhovundass Jugjivundass.

5247-72—Rimington, Hore, and Langley—W. Nicol and Co. v. J. S. Castle, Master of s.s. Hutton—Thacker and Chalk.

APPEAL.

242-71—Craigie, Lynch, and Owen—William Moir and another v. Koopchund Sahebchund—Shapurjee and Thakurdass.

Appeals before the Hon. Mr. Justice Gibbs and the Hon. Mr. Justice Green.

279-71—Shapurjee and Thakurdass—Framjee Nowrojee Mody v. Navazbai—P. Dinshaw.

41-71—Shamrao Pandoorung—Babajee Cassinath and others v. Anundrao Bhackerjee—Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile, and Dallas and Lynch.

Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE GIBBS.

SHORT CAUSES.

733-71—Rimington, Hore, and Langley—Nurseydass Jetram v. Sungapa bin Sewmoorty and others—Garud.

443-72—Jefferson and Payne—Oomabhoy Huthesing and others v. Bhughdass Sewlall—No appearance.

LONG CAUSES.

262-71—G. J. Mody—Nasserwanjee Merwanjee L. v. Pestonjee Dinshaw—In person. Part heard.

322-70—Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile—His Highness Tookajee Maharaj H. v. Petamberdass Narayenjee—Dallas and Lynch.

542-70—Jefferson and Payne—Jairaj Peerbhoy and others v. Elden Stewart Cairy and others—Dallas and Lynch.

783-71—Jefferson and Payne—Vulibhoy Khaliger v. Peerbhoy Essubjee and another—Shapurjee and Thakurdass.

552-71—Tyabjee—Morarjee Poonjah v. Damodhur Madhowjee—Shapurjee and Thakurdass.

448-71—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Runchordass Jairam v. Dadabhoy Wittoba—Khunderao Morojee.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE BAYLEY.)

SHORT CAUSES.

429-72—Garud—Bal Mungesh Waglé v. Lalla Kanhaya—Thacker and Chalk, and Shamrao Pandurung.

485-72—Dallas and Lynch—Cooverbai widow v. Manockbai widow—C. Tyabjee.

LONG CAUSE.

90-71—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Coosina Carmee and others v. Damodhur Pandoorung—Dallas and Lynch.

337-71—A. Framjee—Thacker Oomersey Ludha v. Jacob Jamal—Manisty and Fletcher.

187-71—Hope—Ambaram Nurbharam v. Cassinath Bulall and others—Mody.

256-71—Dallas and Lynch—Burjorjee Framjee v. Heerjee Hunsraj—Garud.

Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE GREEN. (7th October.)

For hearing of Petition under Act 28 of 1866.

Dallas and Lynch—Jeronimo deAzavido and another, v. petitioner.

SHORT CAUSE.

435-72—Dallas and Lynch—James Flynn v. Ardaseer Dossabhoy Monshee—Prescot and Winter.

LONG CAUSES.

9-71—Dallas and Lynch—Soogurchund Sowdass and another v. Heralall Shigranjee—Craigie, Lynch and Owen.

65-71—Shapurjee and Thakurdass—Cumalsey Premjee v. Tulockchund Manockchund—Jefferson and Payne.

104-71—Tyabjee—Vithul Mooljee and another v. Govindrao Hirjee and others—Leathes and Crawford.

407-72—Dr. Dallas for pauper, Suttaybhamabai, widow, v. Bai Namoon, widow.

745-70—Rimington, Hore, and Langley—Khatoo Ludha v. Cursondas Nensey and others, Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile, Jefferson and Payne, and Cragie, Lynch and Owen

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE SHIP EASTERN LIGHT, 1,245 tons, Captain John McFee, will sail to-day in ballast for Rangoon.

THE BRIG FLOR DE MER, 53 tons, Nacoda, will sail to-day for Deu with original cargo from Mozambique, will be carried in the same bottom.

THE BARQUE COUNTESS OF ELGIN, 713 tons, Nacoda, will sail to-day for Calcutta with a cargo of 13,400 cantars salt from Jeddah, will be carried in the same bottom.

THE BARQUE FUTEL RAHAMAN, 435 tons, Nacoda, will sail to-day for Calcutta with a cargo of 9,500 Indian maunds salt and 4 packages sundries from Juddah and Hoodooda, will be carried in the same bottom.

THE SHIP ATTILA, 1,146 tons, Captain Stephenson, arrived on the 1st inst. from New castle via Galle, with a cargo of 1,484, tons, coals, and Mr. A. G. E. Mowbray as a passenger. The vessel is consigned to the captain.

THE S.S. CELLA, 1,307 tons, Captain Jeffrey, sailed yesterday for Liverpool via the Suez Canal with a cargo of 6,358 bales cotton, 936 bales wool, 136½ cwts. linseed, 729 cwts. rapeseed, 2,552 cwts. coir yarn, 120 cwts. cloves, 824 cwts. galls, 480 cwts. horns, 223 cwts. gum and sundries; and the following passengers:—Rev. E. Verleure, Mrs. Hair, two children and native servant, Mr. T. C. Marshall, Mr. Stranack, Mrs. Stranack and four children, Mr. N. Richardson, Junr., Mrs. Richardson, Mr. G. A. Thomson, and Mrs. Wilkinson and infant.

STATE OF THE TIDE AT BOMBAY.

HIGH WATER.		OCTOBER.		LOW WATER.	
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1 5 a	5 3			7 27 a	7 6
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1 36 a	4 7			8 4 a	7 0
2 48 m	5 3	Tuesday..... 8		8 49 m	2 4
2 18 a	3 9			53 a	6 3
3 45 m	4 4	Wednesday ... 9		9 35 m	1 4
3 7 a	2 9			9 47 a	5 4

Moon—First Quarter 10th, 1h. 54m. A.M.

THE ALEXANDRA SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY.

THE second annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the company was held on Tuesday afternoon at the company's mills, Chinchpoogly, for the transaction of the following business—1. To receive and adopt the directors' report and audited balance sheet of the company's accounts made up to 30th June 1872; 2, to declare a dividend; and 3, to elect directors. Mr. Kessowjee Naik, chairman of the board of directors, was in the chair.

The notice convening the meeting and the directors' report were read to the meeting. From the latter it appeared that the company's profits amounted to Rs. 31,218, including the balance of last year. The directors had purchased for Rs. 8,475 more land from the Frere Land Company; and had built, in addition to other works, a very large tank on the premises, which makes the mill independent of the supply of Vehar water.

There was not a single dissenting shareholder at the meeting; and no discussion whatever took place. The following resolutions were accordingly carried unanimously:—

Proposed by the chairman, and seconded by Mr. Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy, that the directors' report and audited balance sheet of the company's accounts for the half year ending 30th June 1872 be adopted; and that the directors' report and the accounts, with the proceedings of the meeting, be printed and circulated among the shareholders.

Proposed by Mr. Ghellabhoy Puddumsey, and seconded by Mr. Pranjeewandass Waghjee, that out of the profits of the six months ending 30th June 1872, a dividend at the rate of Rs. 50 per share be declared, payable to the shareholders on the register to-day, on and after the 8th October 1872, at the registered office of the company.

Proposed by Mr. Pranjeewandass Waghjee, and seconded by Mr. Govindjee Toolseydass, that in the place of Mr. Muncherjee Nowrojee Banajee, resigned, Mr. Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy be appointed a director; and that Mr. Ghellabhoy Puddumsey, who retires by rotation but is eligible for re-lection, be re-elected a director of the company.

Proposed by Mr. Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy, and seconded by Mr. Pranjeewandass Waghjee, that the thanks of the meeting be given to the directors, secretary, treasurer, and agent, and other officers of the company for performing their respective duties in a satisfactory manner.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

THE BOMBAY DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the members of this Society was held on Tuesday evening last, but we regret to learn that there was a very scanty attendance. Mr. John Adams, the manager of the Society, presided. On account of the unexpected absence of the honorary secretary and of his minute book, the meeting was unable to do more than enter into a desultory conversation, which ended in its being arranged that the manager and the secretary be requested to draw up a form of rules for the guidance of the Society to be submitted for the approval of the members at a meeting to be held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at 5-30 p.m. We trust that the members will muster strong on that occasion, and that after the rules have been passed, the managing committee will set to work and make speedy arrangements for some dramatic performances. This *debut* of the Society was a most successful one, and they must take care, having gone up like a rocket, that they do not come down like a stick. Some of the officers of the Society should inform the public from time to time of their proceedings.

AN INGENIOUS DISCOVERY OF THEFT.

MR. J. H. SLIGHT, officiating Deputy Secretary and Treasurer of the New Bank of Bombay, Limited, appeared before Mr. John Connon, Senior Magistrate, on Tuesday, and laid an information against Succaram Antoba and Sittaram Juggonath, clerks in the employ of the New Bank of Bombay, charging them with criminal breach of trust.

Mr. James Hume Slight said—I am officiating Deputy Secretary and Treasurer of the New Bank of Bombay, Limited. Succaram Antoba and Sittaram Juggonath are employed in the New Bank of Bombay, Limited, as clerks in the correspondence department, and as such are entrusted with the custody of postage stamps, and it is their duty to affix postage stamps to all the Bank's letters which are entrusted to them to be posted and enter the amount so affixed in the Bank's postage book. On the 26th September last, after the close of business, I went to the Post Office in Bombay, and examined and noted down in the presence of Mr. E. C. George, Acting Postmaster, the letters which the Bank had under my superintendence despatched that day to its various correspondents and branches. On the next morning I checked the postage account kept by the said Succaram Antoba and Sittaram Juggonath in the books of the Bank, and I found, on checking and comparison of the same with the notes taken by me on the 26th September last, that the amount represented to have been expended on that day in postages on account of the Bank was eleven annas in excess of the amount of stamps which the letters of the Bank examined by me at the Post Office bore. I therefore charge the said Succaram Antoba and Sittaram Juggonath with criminal breach of trust under section 405 of the Indian Penal Code, and I pray that a warrant may be issued for the apprehension of Succaram Antoba and Sittaram Juggonath, and that they may be dealt with according to law.

The magistrate granted a warrant as prayed for. The prisoners were apprehended and placed in Court yesterday. They were admitted to bail.

HONOUR TO SIR COWASJEE JEHANGHIER READYMONEY, C.S.I.

ON Tuesday afternoon a number of native and European gentlemen assembled in the office of Messrs. Forbes and Co., and thence proceeded to the house of Sir Cowasjee Jehanghier, C.S.I., in Church-gate Street, to present him with an address acknowledging his public spirit and liberality and congratulating him upon the honours recently bestowed on him by Her Majesty. The greatest interest was shown in the interesting ceremony, Church-gate Street being all but blocked with carriages, the windows of the surrounding houses crowded with occupants, and the large rooms of the Parsee Knight filled to overflowing with spectators. Sir Cowasjee sat in a large arm-chair and wore his star of India. When a number of gentlemen had taken their places around him,

The Hon. Mr. Justice Gibbs stepped to the front, and addressing Sir Cowasjee, said—I have been asked this evening to discharge the pleasant duty of presenting to you this address, which has been signed by several thousands of your fellow citizens, to congratulate you upon the honour which Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen has been pleased to confer upon you. I have had great pleasure in accepting the opportunity which has been offered me of appearing here in this capacity this evening, because, having had the pleasure of your acquaintance now for more than twelve years, I have found my esteem for your character has increased with the years of our acquaintance. I have now much pleasure in putting on record a public acknowledgment of the valuable services you rendered to Government at a very critical period of the history of this country. It was little more than a year after tranquility had been generally restored throughout India that Mr. Wilson, who then presided over the Financial Department of the Government of India, advised Government to institute a new system of taxation, known as the Income Tax. I believe that with the exception of yourself, Sir Cowasjee, I am now the only remaining member of the first Commission which had the working of that tax in this presidency. I had the honour to preside over that Commission, and I can safely say that for its success the Commission was mainly indebted to those gentlemen who were associated with the Government officers in its management, and particularly to you, Sir Cowasjee Jehangier. (Applause.) You brought, Sir, to that Commission tact, firmness, and independence of character, which were of very great value, but in addition to these you brought an intimate acquaintance with the mercantile community of the city, which was of the greatest importance in enabling us to assess the tax. It was mainly owing to this very excellent information placed by you at the service of the Commission that we were able to carry it out so successfully, and that on my proceeding to England in 1862 I had the satisfaction of receiving the thanks of the Chamber of Commerce and the Bombay Association for the manner in which it had been worked. Those thanks—as I pointed out at the time—were not due so much to me as to the gentlemen—of whom you, Sir, were one—who were joined with me on the Commission, and contributed to its success. I have taken this public opportunity of recalling to the memory of many of my native friends here, and perhaps of informing many of the Europeans present, the services you have rendered the State in times past, for in India the European community is so constantly changing that what took place ten or twelve years ago is remembered but by few, and often by those merely as a matter of history. I have, therefore, prominently brought your services in that very critical time to the notice of the public. Let me now, Sir Cowasjee, say a few words as to your charities, which on this occasion cannot be passed over without some mention. I find that up to the present time no less than 13½ lakhs of rupees have been distributed by your liberal hands for the benefit of your fellow creatures. (Applause.) Of this sum a very large amount has been expended in bringing home to the natives of this country, in their villages, the blessings—for they are such—of European medicines and medical assistance. Besides this, buildings have been raised in different parts of this presidency—in Sind, in Surat, and in Bombay—which will carry your name down to posterity as having been one of those who, suffering yourself, considered it one of your duties to alleviate as much as possible the sufferings of your fellow-creatures. (Applause.) Education has received from your liberal hands very large contributions; the number of schools you have established, both for girls and boys, and the expenses of carrying them on which you have provided, have been very large. But, Sir, the largest sums, and perhaps the best expended, have been those which you have given towards the erection of that beautiful University Hall which I trust will, before another year is over our heads, be open for the meetings of the Senate of our University. Upwards of 3½ lakhs you have expended in this manner, and 2½ lakhs on hospitals; besides these, science is indebted to you for large grants of money towards the Asiatic Society's Library, many of whose valuable books, as also articles in the Museum, are due solely to your liberality; and your grant of books for the spread of Oriental studies in the Elphinstone College and the University are too well known to need mention here. Also, Sir Cowasjee, there is hardly a street in this city where we do not find useful and ornamental structures at which the wayfarer may quench his thirst—the result of your bounty. And not only has the city of Bombay these beautiful and useful fountains, but London itself in one of its parks now boasts one of the handsomest of such structures erected at your cost. (Hear, hear.) Sir Cowasjee, I have spoken of the catholicity of your charities. Amongst the many societies you have supported here in India, whose benefits are destined chiefly for the European portion of the community, I may especially mention a donation by you of Rs. 50,000 towards the Strangers' Home, which has been supplemented by additional grants to other local charitable and educational establishments used by my own fellow-countrymen. These, Sir, as I said before, are matters which are known to us all. No creed or country seems to have escaped your liberal mind, and one of your latest donations is that magnificent one which you sent for the relief of the wounded in the dreadful war on the Continent of Europe, which has now happily come to an end. A very short time ago, in looking at a book published many years since Mr. Dinshah Manockjee Petit read an address from the inhabitants of Surat congratulating Sir Cowasjee on his recently-acquired honours, and for himself he expressed the pleasure that it gave him to be the medium of this manifestation.

Sir Cowasjee (through Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee) replied as follows:—Gentlemen,—I am exceedingly obliged to the people of Surat for their heartiness and good-will towards me, which is apparent from the address just read. The charitable institutions which I have established, and which in the eyes of my brethren have done so much good, are founded by the grace of God. The accounts that I have received from the inhabitants of different cities, as to the good those institutions have effected, fill my heart with joy and satisfaction. In whatever I have undertaken I have done my duty, and I owe everything to the All-powerful God, who has encouraged me with the means and inspired me with the desire to do my duty towards my fellow men. May God prosper Surat and make its people happy is my sincere prayer.

Mr. Connon, Chief Magistrate—Mr. Justice Gibbs, Sir Cowasjee Jehanghier, and Gentlemen—I believe I am one of the oldest acquaintances, and perhaps one of the oldest friends, of Sir Cowasjee Jehanghier in Bombay, and perhaps I may be allowed to say a few words upon such an occasion as the present. I feel much gratified and also much honoured by being present here to-day. A good deal has been said about the public charities of Sir Cowasjee, but I know many instances of his private charities which have not appeared in any of the newspapers—(hear, hear)—and which I know in his goodness and his modesty he would have disliked to see given to the world in print. (Hear, hear.) It is this peculiarity of my personal knowledge of Sir Cowasjee that has made me intrude myself before you now. It has been my good fortune to know Sir Cowasjee's goodness for—well, I am ashamed to say for how many years, as I am sure it would make me a very much older man than many of you imagine me to be—(laughter)—but during all the years that I have known him he has never been wanting in generosity. (Applause.) I may have known him to be at times a little proud—I was almost going to say a little saucy—(laughter)—but I never knew him to be deficient in goodness, integrity, and courage, in which respects he has been a signal example to all his countrymen. For these reasons I honour him—for these reasons I have come forward to-day to add my testimony, the result of long knowledge, to what has been so well said by Mr. Justice Gibbs. I am very much gratified to see so many of his countrymen here, and to see gentlemen like you, Mr. Justice Gibbs, and the other honourable gentlemen here present, and who, I think, do themselves honour in being so present, assisting at this ceremony—taking as it were a concensus of opinion, native and European, to do honour to a man who has spread out his hands to help all classes of men, whether they were worshippers of the rising or the setting sun or not. (Applause.) His sun, at all events, has been goodness, truth, courage, and integrity above everything, and these make a noble sun to honour. (Applause.) In all that has been said in his praise I concur; and I concur with a much larger assembly outside this room, an assembly comprising I may say the whole community of Bombay, who are proud that our gracious Sovereign has conferred honours upon him, honours, however, which I will not say are equal to his deserts. Should Sir Cowasjee ever get a seat in the House of Lords, I shall be delighted and flattered, but shall feel that Bombay has not got more honour than it deserves. (Laughter and applause.)

Flowers were then distributed, and the company separated.

THE POONA HORSE SHOW.

WE present our readers with the results of the recent horse show held at Poona:—

PRIZES AWARDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Class I.—English horses suitable for stallions. H. H. the Raja of Kolapore, 3rd prize.

Class II.—English mares, for breeding. Edward S. Hawkins, 2nd prize.

Class III.—Australian horses, as stallions. Mr. Ali Abdoola 1st prize, Major Stewart, 2nd prize.

Class IV.—Australian mares, to breed from. 1st prize, Dr. Orr; 2nd, Mr. Ali Abdoola; and 3rd, C. Pritchard, Esq.

Class V.—For Arabs, suitable as stallions. 1st prize T. Davidson, Esq.; 2nd. Kurreem Khan, for H. H. Aga Khan; and 3rd, Mr. Abdool Rayhiman.

Class VI.—Arab mares, suitable for breeding.—None.

Class VII.—Arab Galloway, or Pony stallions. 1st prize, Mr. Kummoo Sullimon, 2nd H. H. Aga Khan, 3rd, Mr. Abdool Rayhiman.

Class VIII.—Country and Stud-bred horses fit for stallions.—1st prize, Colonel Westropp, Commandant Poona Horse; 2nd, Bappogeer Walud Motegar; 3rd, the Chief of Kurundwar.

Class IX.—Country and stud-bred mares over 14-1.—1st prize, Captain Hogg, Poona Horse; 2nd, Shabudeen bin Immamodeen; 3rd, Raja of Kolapore.

Class X.—Country and stud-bred Mares under 14-1—Medal Balasaheb bin Gunputrow of Saganm. 1st prize A. Adey, Esq.; 2nd, Govind Walud Hurry; 3rd, Witoba Walud Peerajee.

Class XI.—Country and stud-bred Galloway and Pony stallions.—Medals, Colonel Westropp, Poona Horse, Jamsetjee Dhunjeebhoy, Esq.; 1st prize, Captain Waring; 2nd, Colonel Westropp; 3rd, Captain C. Covey, 68th L. I.

Class XII.—Country and stud-bred Galloways and Pony mares, medal and 15 Rs., Mooklajee Wd. Dajeeba. 1st prize, Nawab of Palitana; 2nd prize, Nawab of Palitana; 3rd prize, Rokri Wd. Darkoo.

Class XIII.—Yearling foals, any breed; 1st, Govind wd. Hurroe; 2nd, A. Adey, Esq.; 3rd, Ramchunder Abbajee Bhugwunt.

Class XIV.—Yearling fillies, any breed. 1st, Suntajee Patel of Grim; 2nd, Balaram wd. Hookoomchund; 3rd, Rokri wd. Darkoo.

Class XV.—Two years old colts: medal and R

house-tax in municipalities in the mofussil, power is given to remit the tax in ascertained cases of poverty.

The Hon. Mr. Tucker considered that where the levy of a tax had been directed by law some attempt must be made by the Municipal Commissioner to impose it. He did not object to give a power to exempt in cases in which the sums were so small that it would be no benefit to collect them.

The Hon. Mr. Mayhew believed that to declare that certain people shall not be assessed was wrong, because he understood that one of the objects of the Bill was to bring the whole of the property in Bombay upon the assessment book.

His Excellency suggested the following amendment, "and it shall be lawful for the Municipal Commissioner with the approval of the Town Council to remit the rates for the year or any instalments thereof in any case in which they shall be satisfied that the payment of the same would subject the person liable to undue hardship."

The Hon. Mr. Forbes said His Excellency's suggestion entirely met his views.

His Excellency the Governor said that it was only a sort of general authority that was wanted, much always having to be left to the discretion of the Commissioner. He believed the words he had read would carry out this view.

The Hon. Mr. Mayhew was of opinion that they would only express what the present Commissioner had power to do already.

The Hon. Colonel Kennedy would prefer to see the limits of the discretionary power more clearly defined.

The Hon. Mr. Tucker thought that the words "subject the person liable to undue hardship" were vague and too wide. He could not therefore support the amendment as it stood, but he was quite willing to give the Municipal Commissioner power to remit the collection of the rate in cases in which he considered that it was not for the interest of the Corporation to issue process for the recovery of such small items. This would get rid of the issuing of bills and distress warrants for petty sums which were not worth the trouble of collecting.

The Hon. Mr. Forbes said the Council should endeavour to show that they did not mean to ruin the labouring ratepayers, and that it should be a rule to exempt the poorest classes from direct taxation.

His Excellency the Governor's amendment was put to the vote, when five voted for and five against it.

His Excellency gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, which was accordingly carried.

The following Hon. members voted Aye:—His Excellency the Hon. Sir Philip Edmond Wodehouse, K.C.B., the Hon. Munguldass Nuthoobhoy, C.S.I., the Hon. E. W. Ravenscroft, the Hon. J. A. Forbes, the Hon. Narayen Wassoodewjee, the Hon. J. K. Bythell. The following Hon. members voted No—His Excellency the Hon. Sir Augustus Almeric Spencer, K.C.B., the Hon. H. P. St. G. Tucker, the Hon. A. Rogers, the Hon. the Acting Advocate-General, the Hon. Colonel M. K. Kennedy, the Hon. E. W. Ravenscroft, the Hon. J. K. Bythell. His Excellency the President did not vote.

The section as amended stands part of the bill.

Section 101 became 99, and was agreed to and stands part of the bill.

Section 102 became 100, and was agreed to and stands part of the bill.

Section 103 became 101. The prefix "sub" was taken out before all the words "sub-let," entered in this section, on the suggestion of the Hon. Mr. Tucker.

The Hon. Mr. Narayen Wassodewjee moved that the words "when any house, building, or land is unoccupied or" in 1 ne ones and two be omitted. It seemed to him very hard that, even though there were vacancies in a house, occupiers' rates should be paid by the owner. Already the house-tax had been remitted, and the principle involved in this section was precisely the same.

The Hon. Mr. Bythell said that many people had kept and were still keeping their houses unlet chiefly because they would not accept fair prices for their rents. It should not be forgotten that during all the time the houses were thus standing empty, they were getting the benefit of municipal protection.

The Hon. Mr. Narayen supposed the case of a man who had fifty houses in a chawl, who if he were unfortunate enough to get one tenant, had to pay rates for forty-nine houses. He quoted the opinion of Government officers on the subject, and stated that the General Mar rie's Committee in a disinterested report had said that the recovery of occupiers' rates from owners during a term of non-vacancy seemed to them indefensible. The Act as it stood at present was quite different from what it was formerly, and there appeared to be no reason for this.

The Hon. Mr. Bythell mentioned that he was looking for a house in Malabar Hill some time ago, and he found that several houses into which he went, and which were marked outside "to let," had one room furnished, and on his asking the mallee the reason of this, he was told that the landlord, who lived in the native town, used to spend his Sundays in the room. Now, these houses could not be said to be standing empty.

The Hon. Mr. Munguldass Nathoobhoy regretted that these rates were imposed upon vacant properties, and said that the house-owners were to burdened that it would be better for them to pay a lump rate of 20 per cent. at once, than to have to meet all the demands that were now made upon them.

The Hon. Mr. Narayen said that an occupiers' rate should be made recoverable only from the occupier, and it certainly seemed hard that where a man had no tenant, he had to pay occupiers' rates. All these rates that were put upon the owner seemed to him to be of the nature of an income or property tax, and it would be better to consolidate them and call them by that name at once.

The Hon. Mr. Munguldass Nathoobhoy said the house rate was already passed with the exemption now claimed, and he asked that there should not be two principles in the bill.

The Hon. Mr. Narayen concurred with the Hon. Mr. Munguldass.

The Hon. Mr. Mayhew said that if the house rate might be designated as in the nature of an income on capital invested in houses, but the occupiers' rates were clearly of quite a different character. These rates were contributed in return for advantages given to the owner, and were payments for the preservation of property by affording it the benefits of lighting and the protection of the police and fire brigade. These benefits were neither more nor less whether a house was vacant or full or partly so, and he therefore could see no justice in the argument that because the house-rate had been remitted this rate also must be remitted. He certainly should vote against any such proposition.

The Hon. Mr. Tucker—We have recognized the same principle here as we were willing to do with respect to Government buildings—namely, that these rates are virtually payments for services rendered.

The Hon. Col. Kennedy thought there was a great distinction between the two rates.

His Excellency the Governor said that as the law stood at present, if a house were unoccupied the owner only paid police or lighting rate, and it appeared to him that by the present amendment it was sought to obtain an exemption which did not at present exist.

The Hon. Mr. Munguldass—Supposing the population of the city were suddenly to fall one-half, would it be fair to levy the whole of the occupiers' rates from the owners of the empty properties?

The Hon. Mr. Mayhew—If that were ever to happen, the Council of His Excellency could sit and alter the law.

The Hon. Mr. Forbes—It is the same principle, only the Hon. Mr. Munguldass has placed it before you in a stronger light.

The amendment was lost by 7 votes against 3. The following hon. members voted Aye:—The Hon. Munguldass Nathoobhoy, the Hon. J. A. Forbes, the Hon. Narayen Vasudewjee. The following hon. members voted No—His Excellency the Hon. Sir Augustus Almeric Spencer, K.C.B., the Hon. H. P. St. G. Tucker, the Hon. A. Rogers, the Hon. the Acting Advocate-General, the Hon. Colonel M. K. Kennedy, the Hon. E. W. Ravenscroft, the Hon. J. K. Bythell. His Excellency the President did not vote.

The section as amended stands part of the bill.

Section 104 became 102.

The Hon. Mr. Munguldass proposed that the old section should be followed instead of this new one, under which the landlord was made to recover from the occupier in the Small Causes Court at considerable trouble. He desired more facilities for the landlord recovering his rent and he objected to his being compelled to furnish the Commissioner with a list of tenants, and being made liable if he did not do so. He begged to move that in the section after the words "thereof shall" should be omitted, and that there should be added in the place of the deleted part of the section, "and shall furnish the Municipal Commissioner," &c., as in section 102 of the Bill as referred to the Select Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Tucker said that this section would assist the landlords in recovering occupiers' rates from their tenants, and that he considered its retention necessary.

The amendment was lost by 7 votes to 3. The following hon. members noted Aye:—The Hon. Munguldass Nathoobhoy, the Hon. J. A. Forbes, the Hon. Narayen Vasudevjee—3. The following hon. members voted No:—His Excellency the Hon. Sir Augustus Almeric Spencer, the Hon. H. P. St. G. Tucker, the Hon. A. Rogers, the Hon. Acting Advocate-General, the Hon. Col. M. K. Kennedy, the Hon. E. W. Ravenscroft, the Hon. J. K. Bythell.

His Excellency the Governor proposed that as the Council were dealing only with rates, the words "or tax" in the fourth line should be omitted.

The amendment was agreed to, and the section as amended stands part of the bill.

Section 105 became section 103.

The Hon. Mr. Tucker proposed that in the 25th line "police and lighting," should be substituted for "occupiers." This was agreed to.

The Hon Mr. Narayen withdrew the amendment of which he had given notice—viz., that the words "by Government or" should be omitted in the twentieth line because of the Advocate-General's previously expressed opinion that these were payments simply for local conveniences.

The Hon. Mr. Tucker said that it had already been announced that in this matter the Council could do nothing by legislation, and that Government had agreed to contribute to the Municipal fund the equivalent of these rates upon buildings.

The Hon. Mr. Narayen—You are already bound to pay police and lighting rates upon all your lands, and already the returns of all such property have been prepared and are in the Commissioner's office. There was an advocate's opinion upon this point—the Hon. Mr. Scoble's.

The Hon. Mr. Tucker—The hon. member is right so far in saying that the Municipal Commissioner is seeking to recover these rates upon Government lands under the present Act, but Government do not admit that they are under any legal obligation to pay, and the success of any attempt to establish such an obligation seems very improbable. The clause, with the alteration proposed by the Hon. Mr. Tucker was agreed to, and stands part of the Bill.

(To be continued.)

INDIAN ITEMS.

THE Maharaja of Kapurthulla has arrived at Simla on a short visit.

ON the night of the 10th September 9·7 inches of rain fell in Moulmein in nine hours.

CAPTAIN T. J. QUIN, Assistant Commissioner in the Jhansie Division, has, we hear, been appointed to succeed the late Major Orman as Cantonment Magistrate at Roorkee.

CONSEQUENT on the resignation of Mr. Boycott, Mr. M. J. White, M.A., has been appointed Principal of Canning College, Lucknow, and Mr. J. Gale, M.A. and LL.B., Senior Professor.

THE 2-21ST FUSILIERS.—The *Madras Athenæum* hears that the 2-21st Fusiliers are likely to leave Madras for England earlier than was anticipated. The Battalion is now under orders to leave Bombay by the 4th troopship, which is arranged to sail on the 11th December from that port.

ACTION FOR BREACH OF PROMISE OF MARRIAGE.—We learn that an action for a breach of promise of marriage will be filed in the High Court after the vacation. The damages are laid at Rs. 10,000 and if the case comes to a hearing some interesting particulars are promised.—*Madras Athenæum.*

DURING the month of August last the death-rate in the North-Western Provinces was 2·12 per 1,000, or a total of 62,904 deaths in a population of 2,960,745. There were 6,019 deaths from cholera, 2,015 from small-pox, 39,171 from fever, and 827 from snake-bites and wild animals.

A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE FOR CHOLERA.—We learn that in Madras the Municipal authorities have been tomtoming about Chintadrepettah and Poodoopettah and other parts of the town, calling on all householders to have their houses white-washed within a week, otherwise they will subject themselves to a heavy fine. This, we believe, is done as a precautionary measure against cholera.

MEDICAL RETIRING FUND.—The officers of the Indian Medical Department will be interested to learn, with reference to the representation of the grievances in connection with the Medical Retiring Fund, that the Financial Department "want to know you know," which probably means a postponement of redress *sine die.—Civil and Military Gazette.*

IMPROVEMENTS AT SIMLA.—The Simla Municipality have commenced to remove the shops and dilapidated buildings in the Upper bazaar, with the view to converting it into a broad road for general public promenade. When completed, this will be one of the finest walks or rides in Simla, as it is nearly level, and broader than the generality of hill roads.—*Ibid.*

THE WEATHER AT SIMLA.—During the past week we have had some fine days, with certain signs of the departure of the rains; but on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the mists again obscured the distant hills, and the foul weather does not seem to have departed. Snow has fallen on the nearer ranges, and the temperature is very low for the time of year.—*Ibid.*

STAFF CORPS WIDOW AND ORPHAN FUND.—We understand that the scheme for a Pension Fund for the Widows and Orphans of Staff Corps Officers and the Medical Officers of the Indian service has been stayed by the Financial Department, on the ground that the interest on the assets proposed to be allowed by the Government (at 4½ per cent) is too high. Pity that this solicitude for the finances of the Empire could not stop the large addition to the national debt for useless and inefficient Public Works, and that what has yielded to the tyranny of the Public Works Department is denied to the cause of the widow and the orphan! But the ways of the Financial Department are past finding out.—*Ibid.*

SERIOUS RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR MADRAS.—The *Madras Athenæum* says:—The 2 p.m. mail train of the 28th instant slipped a few of her carriages off the line near the foot of Balpally Ghaut, a station about 97 miles from Madras on the N. W. Line. Some of the passengers were injured and were conveyed to Tirupatty, about 14 miles off, for medical aid. In consequence of the accident the train reached Codoor at 2 a.m. yesterday, whereas she ought to have been at this place between six and seven o'clock the evening previous. It appears, as far as we can gather, that the engine driver finding that he could not take the whole of the carriages up the incline on account of the rails being slippery owing to the late rains, left a portion of them on the main line and took the rest on into Balpally Ghaut siding. He had hardly unhooked his engine from these carriages in order to return to fetch the remainder which he had left on the main line, when the carriages in the siding rolled down the incline and dashed with terrific force into the other carriages, throwing many of them off the line. We did not receive our Bombay newspapers on Sunday till five or six hours after the time for their usual delivery. A painful excitement pervaded Madras yesterday evening on account of the accident.

ARRIVAL OF A PILGRIM SHIP AT CALCUTTA IN A DISGRACEFUL CONDITION.—Great care is taken in this country of every native who is shipped as an emigrant to a tea-plantation or a colony, but the same attention seems to be by no means paid to unfortunate pilgrims in their return voyages from Jeddah. We hear that the ship Western Star, which arrived from Jeddah with about 300 pilgrims last week, was stopped off Diamond Harbour, and the Assistant Magistrate communicated with, in consequence of the unhealthy state of the pilgrims on board, several having died between the Sandheads and Diamond Harbour. The Magistrate thought the ship over-crowded, and gave permission for the pilgrims to land, of which about forty availed themselves. Captain Warden, accompanied by a medical officer, proceeded at once in a steamer to Diamond Harbour on receipt of the news of the state of the ship, but he found that there was plenty of space for the number of pilgrims, but the ship was in a most filthy state. The Doctor reports the pilgrims as suffering from scurvy, and there was no medical man or proper medicines on board. Since the ship has come up to Calcutta, more deaths have occurred, and the Police have, we hear, been put on board, the Coroner also being about to hold an inquest. Some one, surely, is to blame for allowing the ship to get into such a state, and to leave port not properly provided with medicines.—*Englishman.*

MURDEROUS AFFRAYS BETWEEN THE SHEEAS AND SOONIES IN CASHMERE.

SRINUGGER, 21st SEPTEMBER.

THE Resident and a large proportion of the visitors have returned from Gulmurgh to Srinugger. Cholera has now almost disappeared from that city, if reports are to be believed. The weather is now most charming,—just when people have to leave the Fair Valley. No sooner however is the city of Srinugger freed from the terrors of the pestilence, than a worse enemy invades the capital. For the last three days the inhabitants of Srinugger have been butchering one another, and burning one another's houses about their ears. The origin of this very serious disturbance appears to be the following:—

The Mussulmans, who form about nine-tenths of the population of the Cashmere valley, are divided into the two great sects of Soonies and Sheeas. The Soonies are firm believers in Omar, and deadly enemies of their co-religionists the Sheeas, to whom they give the opprobrious name of Rafizi, or heretic: the Soonies are about nine to one of the Sheeas. The Sheeas are firm believers in Ali and his house. They believe that he was superior even to Mahomed himself: they form a mere handful of the population in Cashmere. Their whole numbers throughout the valley are said not to exceed ten thousand. The Sheeas in Srinugger form about one thousand houses, or about six thousand souls, including men, women and children. The Sheea men form the most active, industrious and well-to-do portion of the Mussulmans. The finest *papier mâché* workers and shawl makers are Sheeas. Perhaps the wealthiest man in Cashmere is Mirza Muhammad Ali, who is a Sheea. Well, there is a deadly hatred existing between these two great divisions of the Mahomedans, which sometimes manifests itself, as on the present occasion, in open warfare and a defiance of all law. Near the Hurree Parbut Hill in Srinugger, on which stands the fort commanding the city, is a musjid belonging to the Soonies, and called after a Mussulman worthy, of the name of Madeen Sahib. Some time ago the Sheeas bought a small piece of ground opposite to this musjid, where they began to build a rough place of worship for themselves. The Soonies, as was natural, strongly objected to this arrangement, and begged the Sheeas to desist, which however the latter refused to do. And the place was built; but in a very rude fashion. Last Sunday, the 15th instant, was the anniversary of Madeen Sahib's death, and there was great crowding of the Soonies to his musjid. The Soonies being numerous and strong, and enraged at the obtrusive and pertinacious opposition of the Sheeas, as exemplified in their place of worship, set upon it, and soon made it a heap of ruins. The Sheeas then mustered themselves in large numbers, and a regular fight ensued on Sunday night, which raged on till Monday morning, when the Sheeas were completely beaten off the field. Then began the work of plunder, devastation and murder. The Soonies entered the defenceless houses of the Sheeas, and having plundered them, set them on fire. As the houses of Srinugger are built chiefly of wood, the work of destruction was of easy accomplishment. The houses of the Sheeas in the city were soon smouldering heaps of ruins. The destruction of their homes and property, which was basely carried off by the Soonies, was not the heaviest calamity that befell the Sheeas on Monday morning last. Their women were dishonoured, and their children butchered before their very eyes. It was not till 9 o'clock on Monday morning that any effort was made by the local authorities here to put a stop to the tragedy. At that hour the Wuzeer or chief native official of Cashmere, in the absence of Maharajah Rhumbeer Singh, appeared on the scene, accompanied with a large body of troops who are said to have made a very feeble and abortive effort to quell the disturbance. At any rate, throughout the whole of Monday, the 16th instant, the work of destruction went on, and flames and smoke might have been seen ascending from Zudabal, Hassanabad, Babapoor, Drogajun, Gupakar, Sonawar, Pandrettun and other places. The authorities seemed altogether powerless. A very small band of resolute troops well led would have sufficed to quell the tumult; but they were not to be had, and the flames spread from village to village around Srinugger. The Sheeas fled in every direction, some seeking safety on the adjacent mountains, while others remained in the city in secret lurking places. Many of the women and children of the Sheeas found an asylum in the houses of the Hindoo portion of the community. The Hindoos in Cashmere are called Pundits, and number but between three and four thousand houses in the whole valley. They are in great trepidation lest the Soonies should set on them next for their kind hospitality to the houseless families of the Sheeas. Hark! what noise is that? It is the infuriated mob still at its diabolical work. Monday night was spent sleeplessly by the inhabitants of Srinugger; Tuesday saw the Maharajah's sepoys busy at their work of apprehension and plunder. The leading Soonies were seized and imprisoned, besides hundreds—or thousands it is said—of small fry.

Tuesday night came and the tumult was still unquelled, for the Sheeas mustered themselves together, and retaliated on their enemies by burning several houses in Srinugger and several villages inhabited by the Soonies. All portions of the native community in Srinugger passed Tuesday night sleeplessly. Wednesday dawned on the doomed city, and now troops paralled its streets or bazaars, and numberless Soonies and Sheeas were dragged off to prison. The apprehensions appear to have been made in the most indiscriminate fashion. It is said that large numbers of prisoners were deported on Wednesday to the fort of Ooree. Nearly the whole city was deserted; shops were closed and the bazaars were lifeless. There was much stir at the Shere Garree, where the local Government holds its sittings;—boats might have been seen crowded with sepoys and prisoners arriving every now and then. Well-to-do Soonies were busy on Wednesday placing their more valuable property in places of safety, as a report was spread that the sepoys were to be let loose upon the people that afternoon. On Thursday the greater part of the city of Srinugger was deserted. Business is still asleep. It would be difficult to estimate the loss in property sustained by the Sheeas. The amount must be considerable.

It would be difficult to picture a more pitiable state of weakness than has been exhibited by the Maharajah's government on this occasion. It would be well if the British Government would adopt some effective measures for its protection. One regiment of British troops would be sufficient to remove all danger from His Highness, and the government of which he forms the illustrious head. Really this is a matter which the Supreme Government of India should take into its most serious and speedy consideration, or their faithful ally, Maharajah Rhumbeer Singh, may find himself some morning robbed of his trans-Himalayan territories.—*Pioneer.*

FATHER HYACINTHE ON THE MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS.

(*Times*, Sept. 5.)

FATHER HYACINTHE's eloquent defence of the determination at which he has arrived and the step he has now taken is unavoidably an inversion of all our ordinary ideas in the matter of matrimony. When an English gentleman has made an offer, and has been accepted, he is bound without the loss of a single hour to announce the fact to all concerned in his private affairs, and he does this in the briefest possible language. He tells no more than he is obliged to tell; perhaps, if he is in gushing mood, he adds that he feels very happy. But immediately a labour, not always easy, devolves on his friends. They are bound to offer hearty congratulations, and adduce the most excellent reasons for them. The reasons sometimes may be far to seek, but they must be found, and the happy man must be assured that he is very lucky, as well as very discriminating and wise. If we could suppose an Englishman with a numerous acquaintance not all taking the same view of his case, or of matrimony, or of the choice made, yet anxious to behave courteously on the occasion, all their efforts, all their diversities, all their inconsistencies, all their plausibilities, would hardly make such a whole as M. Charles Loyson's elaborate apology for marrying, at the comparatively early age of 45, an agreeable widow lady, for whom he has long felt a deep attachment. The English generally have that opinion of marriage, and that regard for the Divine institution, that they consider it superfluous, if not profane, to offer any reasons for it, except, as we have said, in the way of congratulation. How the reasons for matrimony ever got into the Marriage Service we do not happen to know, but they jar with English feeling, and are certainly needless, considering whom they are addressed to. Multifarious as they are, they are surpassed by M Loyson's reasons for following the example of his father and all his ancestors up to Adam. If they had not all married—for we will not take any worse supposition—M. Loyson would not be here to say why he does as they did. It remains, however, for the eloquent Père Hyacinthe not only to have felt the exquisite joys inspired by a conscientious observance of the rule of celibacy and the not less exquisite joy of a pure and holy personal love, but also to proclaim to the Church, by example and testimony, that the clergy may and generally ought to be married men. Luther, we believe, married because he wished to marry, and defended himself as he could do when accused. That certainly is the English as well as the German usage. . . . .

M. Loyson thinks it possible there may be people who will trace to this last step of his all his quarrels with the Court of Rome, in particular his protest against its infallibility. They will say, "He wished to marry, and had not the courage to say so." Thereupon he proceeds to point out the folly of a scheme of dogmatical protest as the stalking-horse of some purely private aim. He winds up with a feat of rhetoric combining in a few words the denial of the false and the admission of the true. "No; my marriage has no connection with my religious convictions, nor with my act of the 20th of September, 1869; or rather, let me say, it is most intimately connected with them, but in that large and general sense which binds together all the steps achieved by a soul in its progress towards light and liberty." But why should Père Hyacinthe say this when any man of candour and common sense will say it for him, and put the words into his mouth? All the world sees the slow but inevitable development. Infallibility asserted, only to be challenged and impugned, cannot fail to reopen other questions. Why was it ever asserted in this nineteenth century, except to stop that controversy which burst out under pressure? The controversy of all others to be crushed was that concerning clerical celibacy. As Père Hyacinthe truly remarks, it is one of those matters which may be left to spontaneous feelings, free hearts, and generous inspirations. It is not a law to be enforced upon lower or even ordinary natures—upon men put into the clerical order before they had a mind of their own. At the late Vatican Council will or a mind of their own. At the late Vatican Council will or a mind of their own. At the late Vatican Council will or